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*The world is a bundle of hay;
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull*

—BYRON.

Edited by
HORATIO BOTTOMLEY.

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You done
THE
HAT
TRICK?**

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The Oatine Girl's FREE OFFER.



This delightful Toilet Outfit, as illustrated, will be sent free by the Proprietors of the Oatine preparations to all sending 3d. in stamps to help pay cost of postage and packing, and mentioning this paper.

The Outfit contains a bijou tin of OATINE FACE CREAM, which restores the natural oil to the skin which the alkali in soap and hard water is always removing. This oil is Nature's own protector and rejuvenator. If the skin is not assisted by the application of OATINE FACE CREAM, then it soon becomes old and sallow and unable to resist the ravages of the weather and the dirt and grime in the air. Oatine differs from its many imitators in this all-important fact that it does not stimulate or act on the skin in any artificial way. What it does is to keep the pores clear and fresh, and free from dust and grime, and at the same time restore to the skin the oil it needs if it is to be kept soft and velvety. It further feeds the skin and speedily removes wrinkles or ugly lines, for a wrinkled skin is a starved skin.

Remember, no other face cream can do this, hence the success of Oatine, which, being free from animal fat, cannot grow hair.

All chemists stock OATINE in white jars, 1/1.

2. A full-size 3d. Cake of the delightful 'Catine' Toilet Soap, which is made from the finest materials, including the healing and cleansing properties of Oats, which are well known as being good for the skin. OATINE SOAP is sold by all Chemists in 10d. and 3d. tablets.
3. A full-size 2d. packet of Shampoo Powder.
4. A packet of Oxygenated Tooth Powder.
5. A packet of Invisible Face Powder.
6. A tin of 'Oatine' Salve for all skin wounds and abrasions.

Then the reader will also receive:—

7. A tin of 'Catine' Snow, a greaseless cream for the complexion, hands, &c., made from the same base as Oatine Cream, but absolutely greaseless.
8. For men: A Packet of 'Oatine' Shaving Powder, which lathers quickly, giving a free, smooth, lasting and agreeable lather which does not dry on the face.
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Write now, without delay, enclosing 3d. in stamps to help pay cost of postage and packing, and you will receive the outfit post free by return of post.

The OATINE CO., 270a, Oatine Buildings, Borough, London, S.E.



FOOTBALL COMPETITION. No. 2.

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"JOHN BULL" ENTRANCE FORM.

Matches to be played
Saturday, September 27th.

Cross out—in ink—what you think will be the losing club. For a draw do not cross out either club.

Derby County	v. Bradford City
Manchester United	v. Oldham A.
Burnley	v. Chelsea
Preston North End	v. Bolton Wanderers
Newcastle United	v. Sheffield Wednesday
Liverpool	v. West Bromwich A.
Aston Villa	v. Everton
Middlesbro'	v. Sunderland
Tottenham H.	v. Manchester City
Barnsley	v. Woolwich A.
Bradford	v. Clapton Orient
Bury	v. Notts Forest
Leicester F.	v. Bristol City
Notts County	v. Leeds City
Wolverhampton W.	v. Birmingham
Merthyr Town	v. Plymouth Argyle
Queen's Park R.	v. West Ham
Swindon	v. Reading
Cardiff City	v. Crystal Palace
Southend	v. Northampton

I enter "JOHN BULL" Football Competition in accordance with the rules announced on this page and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed

Address

Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

READ RULES CAREFULLY.

1. On the Entrance Form attached cross out in ink, by running a pen through the names, the teams you think will lose. If you predict a DRAW do not cross out either team.

2. Having done this, write in ink (typewriting or pencilling will not do) your name and address in the space provided, cut out the Entrance Form, and address it to "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., mark envelope, in top left-hand corner, Football Competition No. 2, so as to reach us not later than first post Friday, September 26th, but please send early to facilitate the work of examination.

3. The First Prize £1,750 will be awarded to the competitor whose Entry Form contains the correct results, as published in the "Sporting Life," of all the matches given, played to a finish on September 27th. In the event of no entrance form being received giving the whole of the correct results, a cash prize of £500 will be paid to the competitor whose coupon shows the most correct results short of the full number. In addition £100 will be paid to the sender of the Entrance Form containing the next highest number of correct forecasts. Further £50 cash will be awarded to the lady sending the most correct forecasts on a mauve coupon taken from "Mary Bull."

4. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any effort, and no correspondence will be entered into, neither will interviews be granted. But the utmost care will be taken of all coupons received.

5. The Editor's published decision on all matters relating to this competition is final and legally binding, and competitors may enter only on this understanding.

6. Any effort on which any alteration of any description has been made will be disqualified. Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

7. In the event of a tie or ties in this competition, the First Prize of £1,750, or the Contingent Prizes of £500 and £100, as well as the special £50 Mauve Coupon prize for ladies will be equally divided.

8. Our employees are strictly debarred from entering this contest.

9. No coupon bearing a Scottish address can be accepted.

THE CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

JOHN BULL.

*Politics without Party—Criticism without Cant :
Without Fear or Favour, Rancour or Rant.*

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

The General Election.

Will those learned speakers and writers who prate about a General Election next year be good enough to remember that not till 1915 will the Plural Voting Bill come into operation? And if that Bill was not rushed through, under the Parliament Act, with the election in view—well, we do not, after all, understand the Party game.

That Trades Union Congress!

This sorry annual farce is over once more. Let the Labour organ, the *Daily Herald*, sum it up: "Although the number of workers represented was the largest on record, it cannot be said that it has accomplished anything particular." Why keep the show going? Next to the Parliamentary Labour "Party," it is the most stupid and useless body in English public life.

Did You Notice This?—

That in his correspondence with Lord Wolmer, Mr. Lloyd George says, in effect, and almost in words, "Whatever advantage I took from the indirect effect of a Government contract upon the shares of the American Marconi Company, it was as nothing compared to what your father, when a member of the Tory Ministry, did?" Verily, when Party politicians fall out, the Man in the Street gets the truth!

And This?

That the drivers and guards of the trains involved in the Midland Railway smash preferred to leave themselves in the hands of the Directors rather than in those of their Trade Unions? So much for the success of the Labour "Party" under the "leadership" of the ex non-unionist school teacher, Ramsay MacDonald!

A Cynical Game.

Recent outbreaks of industrial revolt provoke cynical reflections upon the insincerities and futilities of the established order of things political. A Liberal and democratic Government, supported by the votes of a pseudo Labour Party, ruthlessly employs the military against agitators in the Johannesburg market-place, and repeats this hideous blunder by letting loose a semi-military constabulary to wreak their vengeance uncontrolled in the streets of the Irish capital. The leader of the strikers is prosecuted for seditious and incendiary utterances and sent to gaol pending trial. Yet further North the fires of insurrection are ominously smouldering, fanned by the revolutionary speeches of men who represent the party of "law and order." The last is perhaps the more serious feature. The Ulsterians may yet rue the day when they acclaimed *force majeure* as a remedy for political grievances. Social injustice rankles deeper than political inequality, and the "bottom dog" is an animal with a perilous imitative faculty.

Looming Clouds.

The Labour outlook for the coming winter is already ominous in the extreme. The momentous and sanguinary dispute in Dublin has for the moment submerged political animosities, while half-a-dozen serious industrial battles are raging nearer home. There are, moreover, ample indications that the unrest upon the railways and in the collieries, of which there has been no real surcease, may at any moment flare up into open strife. In the latter connection, the language held by certain colliery magnates, notably Mr. D. A. Thomas, of the South Cambrian Combine, is in the last degree ill-advised.

The Railway Smash.

It is too early to speak definitely about this latest tragedy. But whoever may have been at fault so far as the signals were concerned, the grim fact remains that the retention of gas, in preference to electricity, was responsible for several of the deaths. And why on earth cannot every guard be placed in telephonic communication with his driver? We shall have something to say to the Railway Companies shortly.

Safety First.

The holiday season has witnessed an alarming succession of railway mishaps, and there is grave reason to fear that the bogus "Board" of Trade is as little to be trusted with the safety of passengers by rail as with that of voyagers by sea. The public has a right to demand that railway companies shall neglect no single possible precaution for the safety of their patrons. "Safety first, and dividends after," should be impressed as an irrefragable law upon these monopolist corporations. An efficient Ministry of Public Safety may be a feature of the first Business Government.

£1,750 for Football Forecasts. £650 must be Won. See page 387.

The Empty Coffin.

Some official of the Burton-on-Trent Guardians has evidently been making a shocking muddle of things in connection with the burial of a domestic servant's child which was born and died in the workhouse. The coffin was taken from the workhouse mortuary to the Corporation cemetery, where the officiating chaplain conducted the usual service. Two days afterwards the workhouse officials discovered that, whoever was buried in the earth beneath, the child was still unburied in the mortuary above. The descent into the grave revealed that the coffin was empty. Another coffin was then made, the child's body placed in it, and it was lowered into the grave on the top of the empty box, the clergyman reading the Burial Service again. Evidently a painful blunder of this sort cannot occur without gross neglect of duty. We imagine that, even in the mortuary of Burton-on-Trent Workhouse there are not so many children's bodies that one can be overlooked. It is incredible, too, that the lid of an empty coffin could be screwed down without the person who did the work knowing it was empty—if that is to say, he was sober. On the facts and inferences alike, there is pressing need of inquiry by the Guardians, and we suggest that they lose no time in setting about it. *Prima facie*, somebody ought to be invited to seek another situation—or be put into that empty coffin.

"Lord Gladstone's Ghastly Blunder."

How does this letter, from a Johannesburg reader, written a few weeks ago, strike you? "Everything quiet here to-day; funeral of victims, large concourse of people assembled, soft-nosed bullets used by troops, Tommys show them to me and were very much hurt at having to use them on white men. Numbers of dead buried at night, true list will never be known; myself saw 19 dead and 63 seriously wounded at one corner. Firing by Jew magnates from windows of Rand Club, woman and two kids shot while attempting to cross road. No riot whatever; two hours' steady firing by troops, police disgusted, 200 refused duty yesterday; three hours' truce. Saturday a big mistake, no truce and every soldier and policeman in. Some would have been murdered. Fault of Colonel Trutes, Chief of Police, and Colonel O'Brien, D.C., ordering troops charge into orderly crowd."

Sinister Portents.

In his newly-found zeal for the Imperial connection, ex-Commandant Louis Botha has been brought into sharp and wordy conflict with General Hertzog, who has never concealed his repining for the old Afrikaner régime. The protagonists recently engaged in a platform duel at Rustenburg, where a resolution of confidence in the Premier was carried by a vote in which the dissentient minority was disquietingly large. We are not disposed to attach undue importance to any such chance expression of local opinion, but it is futile to blink at the fact that the situation in the Transvaal bristles with difficulties and perils. The maintenance of "peace with honour" may well prove a task calling for higher statesmanship than has yet been applied to the direction of South African affairs.

"Blessed Be Beer."

This from an Eastney reader:—"My Dear JOHN,—I have read your unconventional thoughts with pleasure, and have had no cause to find fault till now. I do not agree with you when you say there is any bad beer. I served 21 years in the Royal Marines—visiting many parts of the world—and have tasted many kinds of beer, but none was bad; some certainly was not quite so good as others, but none was bad." Our friend must tell that to his fellow Marines!

Taffy's Tongue.

Two small, but significant, items of news concerning Wales appeared in the papers last week. They deserve the wider publicity the columns of JOHN BULL afford. The first was a criticism by Sir Frederick Cowen, the eminent composer, of the Welsh from the musical point of view. "Wales, with everything to inspire her," he said, "does not appear to have progressed in art. Such a country—a country rich in legends of the past and with its wealth of romance of centuries—should surely have produced great artists. My own theory is that the retention and use of its language has served to isolate Wales from the great world of art. Devotion to a language does not, as a rule, make for progress." Then, dealing with the competitors at the Eisteddfod, he said: "They have practically no interest in anyone else's work, and they cannot compare their own merits and defects with those of other choirs, because they don't even trouble to listen to them. The result is that the whole thing resolves itself into a kind of betting place, where the only desire is to know who wins and who loses. If they win they are elated; if they lose they declare the adjudicators to be wrong. . . . At present the Eisteddfod . . . is not an artistic but a money-making institution." So much for Sir Frederick Cowen!

Welsh Wishes.

We are at present witnessing another disastrous result of this insularity of spirit engendered by pig-headed adhesion to an outworn tongue—the bitter dispute raging between the local Nonconformists and the Anglicans. And if the select coterie of Welsh monomaniacs succeed in getting their way, worse things will follow. For the cry now is "Educational Home Rule for Wales!"—a "long cherished ideal" which Mr. Lloyd George blessed last week in the following ominous words: "I thoroughly agree with you that we ought to take the opportunity of the next great Education Bill for complete unity and autonomy of Wales in education." And yet the Welsh Radicals rail at Ulster for desiring to retain the privilege under which it has flourished—Protestantism and unity with Great Britain.

A Prattling Pacifist.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie seems to have formed a somewhat low estimate of the character of Wilhelm II. He apparently assumes that fulsome and hollow adulation is as sweet incense to the Imperial nostrils, and that skilfully concocted encomiums may serve to deflect the set course of Teutonic policy into pacific channels. The notion of dragging Europe's august war-lord into the role of international mediator is one which would have struck the Quixotic fancy of the late Mr. W. T. Stead, who once endeavoured to thrust a similar office upon the Czar of All the Russias. The clipping of the Imperial Eagle's claws might be an appropriate first step in the transformation into a white-winged harbinger of peace.

The Almighty Dollar.

With a penchant for self-advertisement which amounts to genius, Thaw, the plutocrat degenerate and murderer, has contrived that his long-deferred public appearance shall synchronise with the "silly season." He will doubtless continue to enjoy British hospitality while a horde of voracious lawyers wrangle for the disposal of his troublesome but gilt-edged carcass. The whole business is a sinister commentary upon the unrestricted potency of wealth 'neath the democratic agis of "the star-spangled banner." For ourselves, we have a shorter way with homicidal maniacs—assuming for a moment that Thaw ever was insane except in a Pickwickian sense. British justice, with all its asinine propensities, has its points.

Result of Our Final Cricket Contest appears on page 365.

A Story of Cockles.

We don't want to be suspected of issuing a September fish edition, but we have to tell this little fish story or burst. For "years on years" Penclawdd, near Llanelly, has been a cockle village. For about the same long time the women have helped to keep things going in the home-sweet-home by gathering cockles daily and walking a distance of 15 or 20 miles to sell them by penn'orths. The more the women have caught, the more the cockles have seemed to multiply—notwithstanding which an official of the Fishery Board, accompanied by a sieve and the policeman on the beat, pounced on the cocklers a few days ago and informed the poor things that if they gathered any under a certain size there would be such trouble in the community as never was. For their own profit and convenience the women have always gathered the biggest possible cockles, of course, but now they are wondering, with that twenty miles before them, how they are to live if they must sort and sieve every cockle to a certain measure—also what will become of the rejected wee ones. Not ours to make reply, not ours to reason why; wherefore the man from the Fishery Board will peradventure pay the cocklers another visit to inform them whether he expects them to carry a cockle planter and carefully replant every casual wee cockle which comes to harvest?

A Workhouse Peck-Bab.

By the criterion of their last meeting, the Uppingham Guardians are a queer lot, the Master and Matron of the workhouse being warranted to match. These officers applied for an increase of salary at the psychological moment when there was a vacancy for a porter—one who does the shaving and the haircutting. If the Guardians made it worth his while, said the Master, he would economise on the porter and undertake his duties; whereupon it was proposed, seconded, and carried *unanimously* that the salary should be raised £20, apportioned at the request of the Master as to £5 extra for himself and £15 extra for the missus. Henceforth that eminent official will be a foursome—Master, Porter, Barber, and Artist in Scissors. For another £5 a year it is understood he will be willing to start work as Doctor, Chaplain, and Cook. What say the Guardians to a special meeting to consider same?

Reckitt and Willatt.

With the reminder that Reckitt and Sons, Limited, where the blue comes from, pay 25 per cent. per ann., a correspondent sends us a copy of an address delivered to the Boys' Club connected with the firm by a Mr. Willatt, no doubt with the idea that we ought to fall on Mr. Willatt and rend him. What seems to hurt our correspondent is the statement, "Don't get into debt with Reckitt and Sons. If your wages are 10s., do not do only 7s. 6d. worth of work for it. You will be a much happier and a much better fellow if you did, say, 12s. 6d. worth of work for 10s. That will give you a grand feeling of independence—that Reckitts owe you something; which is better." But why should Reckitts get into debt?

Where Business Isn't Business.

One of the many places which needs Business Government is the West Ham Hospital. We know of one instance where a collecting box of theirs has been out since May, 1911, nobody from the hospital having inquired about it from that day to this or troubled to call it in. Don't they record the exit from the premises of boxes, or know where to find them after their departure? How many boxes are out, we wonder—out and forgotten?

Where's the Harm?

The long-standing controversy as to the precise rights of excursion ticket-holders presents nice points of law, equity and—common-sense. Mr. Jack Rothstein recently took a cheap return ticket to Ramsgate, where he found his wife at "loggerheads" with her maid. The girl was promptly dismissed and bidden to return to London with the return half of her employer's ticket. In the sequel at the police court, Rothstein was mulcted in fines and costs to the tune of £3 10s., for infringing a bye-law of the railway company. It is difficult to discern the equity of such a decision, from which it appears that a passenger who gives away the whole of his ticket performs an act of meritorious generosity, but if he gives away half of it—and pays his own full fare home, he commits a punishable offence. Moreover, it is hard to see how the railway company is prejudiced as long as the full price of the excursion ticket is paid. We should welcome an authoritative judicial pronouncement upon the validity of such a bye-law.

A Licentious Leech.

We recently addressed an "Open Letter" to Dr. Downer, of Bethnal Green, whose callous neglect had resulted in the death of a panel patient. Downer has now temporarily withdrawn from the district, leaving a man named Stanley as his *locum tenens*. The other day the wife of a workman summoned Stanley to her husband's side. The doctor did not respond, but the patient's condition was serious, and the distracted woman renewed her appeal. It was after eleven o'clock at night when Stanley reached the man's bedside, and by that time—in the opinion of the coroner's jury—he was drunk. In the meanwhile, the unhappy sufferer had undergone an operation at the hands of two other doctors, and had died. "If he is dead he does not need my assistance," jeered Stanley—"give him a glass of water." We submit to the General Medical Council that the retention in their professional ranks of a creature of this type is a scandal and a reproach.

Deadly Blanks.

"All blank cartridges are dangerous." This statement, elicited from an expert witness at the inquest upon an actor fatally shot on the stage, will come as a shock to the uninitiated. It appears that the cartridges are plugged with felt wads, which at short range are apt to be discharged with deadly effect. In returning a verdict of "accidental death," the jury added a rider urging that such "ammunition" should not in future be used for stage purposes—a recommendation scarce commensurate with the peril revealed. Blank cartridges are employed for a variety of legitimate purposes quite apart from the requirements of stage realism, and the legislature should insist that a printed warning accompany their sale.

Batson Again.

Our old familiar friend, the Rev. Arthur Wellesley Batson, of Severn House, Watchet, has got his name in the newspapers again, being convicted and fined once more for being drunk and dis., and "arguing with a cabman about the payment of his fare." *Facilis descensus*—once Mr. Batson was wholly spiritual; now he appears to be mostly spirituous!

"Hot Stuff!"

A London weekly is asking the question, "Is mixed bathing indecent?" One of our readers suggests a better question, viz., "Should mixed pickles be allowed?" and adds that they are often "hot stuff."

A Warning.

An objectionable practice, to which we have more than once referred, was severely condemned by the Sheriff at a recent session of the Glasgow Small Debt Court. A plaintiff sought damages from a tradesman who had sent him an official-looking blue document containing a printed demand for the payment of a debt. The missive, which was an impudent imitation of a Court form, was despatched to the debtor at his place of business by halfpenny post in an unsealed envelope. The tradesman's offence was aggravated by the fact that he had had the effrontery to sign his demand with the name of an officer of the Sheriff's Court, although he explained in evidence that he had not done so wittingly, but had selected the name at random—a statement which the Sheriff frankly declined to believe. The debtor was awarded damages and costs, the Sheriff remarking that the defendant had been guilty of an attempt to pass off a spurious document as one emanating from a Court of Law. We welcome so equitable a decision, and we trust that it may operate as a salutary warning to traders upon this side of the border who have been wont to employ similar methods for the intimidation of debtors.

Cherchez la Femme.

American ladies would do well to cultivate a little more self-control and consideration for British sentiment. It is not long since Mrs. Belmont, the mother of the Duchess of Marlborough, saw fit to criticise our treatment of the female hooligans who go by the name of militant suffragettes, and announced her determination never to stay in England until forcible feeding had been abandoned by our prison authorities—a resolution, by the way, which, woman-like, she promptly broke. We next hear of an American lady reclining in a motor-car and flaunting the United States flag in the face of a member of a Canadian regimental bugle band during a military parade in Saskatoon. The bugler, fired with patriotism, snatched the flag from the woman's hand and trampled it in the dust—an action which Colonel Hughes, the Minister of Militia, held was excusable under the provocation offered. And so say all of us.

Comedy of Straws.

It is whispered unto us that in a certain hostelry, Cambridge Circus way, was seated, not many days ago, a certain music-hall star who has laid up much treasure on earth. While seated he sipped—sipped at two straws deeply immersed in lemon squash or some similarly acidulated fluid. Presently in came a lady and sat beside him. The great man greeted her with a matter-of-course expression, and resumed his sipping. Awhile the lady sat silent, apparently thirsty. Presently the great man was filled; then he passed to her the glass and the two straws—at which she sucked till the contents of the glass were no more visible. This episode may be true as alleged; and if there is any point about it, maybe some Scotsman or other somewhere will discover it and tell us what it is.

If you Bow, Bow Low.

With all respect to Lady Constance Combe, of Frensham, she wants a little too much for her money. Presenting some prizes at the local church schools recently, she complained of the absence of the curtsy in the village. "But you will always make your little curtsy when you see me?" she appealed. "and feel each time you do so that you are saying 'Thank you' for the prizes you get from me. You will try, won't you?" As all the little girls said they would, it looks as though they will be kept pretty busy bobbing up and down for many years to come.

"Prompt and Accurate."

Although it is somehow difficult to work up much sympathy for the army of officials appointed under the National Insurance Act, and paid for out of the public purse, common justice demands that they shall receive reasonable attention from the Government. We are given to understand that the Board of Trade are treating some of the Local Agents under the Unemployment Section of the Act with scant consideration. For instance, a Surrey agent writes: "We were supposed to receive our remuneration quarterly. The first quarter's should have been received by October 14th, 1912. We had to wait three weeks before we got our cheque. Our fourth quarter's remuneration fell due on July 14th, 1913, and writing two or three letters for it have not got it yet (August 12th). They are expecting us to be prompt and accurate in our duties and the extra work is increasing each quarter." Only a prompt and accurate Government can expect prompt and accurate servants.

Ten Shillings and Costs.

In order to keep the sheep of a neighbouring farmer away from her land a woman named McCall, of Tai'n-y-Foel, Llansannan, Denbighshire, mixed a cupful of mustard and poured a spoonful into their eyes, five being totally blinded and others "more or less affected." The magistrates have a right to accept the explanation of the woman that she did not realise that what she did would give the sheep pain, and, accepting it, to fine her the nominal penalty of 10s. and costs. We are not bound to accept their opinion, however, for to us it is utterly unthinkable that any human creature with a knowledge of the cruelties could pour mustard into the eyes of any animal without being aware that the effect would be to cause it unspeakable agony. It seems as though there is no end to the refinements of torture inflicted on defenceless beasts—in all probability largely due to the invariably inadequate punishments imposed on the torturers. This case is one of the very worst of the kind brought to our notice.

"Pulling Our Leg?"

Here is a curiosity from our "Letter Bag," written from Gorseinon—wherever that may be:—"Could you oblige me please through your paper where is the English language best spoken and if the English is a recognised language and also the Welsh by doing so you will greatly oblige. Please reply in your JOHN BULL, 'Sunshine, Glamorgan.'" In case the enquiry is genuine, we beg to say that English is best spoken at 93 and 94, Long Acre, London—and that Welsh is best not spoken at all.

Sarah Jennings, Duchess of Marlborough, on Party.

"Having a very great estate in my own power, I have writ to all my tenants and people that I have influence over, to desire that they would not engage to promise anybody their votes till 'tis seen what members will offer. And then I shall desire of them to give all my interest to such as have the best characters and the best estates, without distinction of that odious thing Party; which I have seen kept up for so many years on each side, by turns, only for the advantage of the leaders, without any honest regard for the good of the nation; and never to be for any man that has an employment, since experience shows us how few there are that have virtue enough to vote on the side of reason and justice, when they must lose by it a profitable place, or the hopes of a title, and other trifles not necessary to name."—(Letter to Dr. Sandby, Prebendary of Worcester, dated August 26th, 1733.)

Don't Forget the Pen Coupon on page iii. of cover.

"The Tecla Pearl 'Spoof'."

As we go to press, we have received an intimation from Mr. J. R. Cardew-Smith, Solicitor, of 25, Bedford Row, W.C., to the effect that legal proceedings have been instituted against us, and requiring us in the meantime to refrain from further comment. Consequently, we are compelled to hold over the second article, which would otherwise have appeared in this week's issue.

"Blessed Be Beer!"

Many readers have written expressing their surprise at the weight of Biblical authority which we adduced in favour of gladdening the heart with wine. If they would know more of this aspect of the subject, they should read the pamphlet "Bible and Beer," by Mr. G. W. Foote, published by the Pioneer Press, 2, Newcastle Street, E.C., to which we were indebted for much of our information.

Morrison, J.P., of Spalding.

In reference to our Open Letter to the colleague of this hard-shell J.P.—a retired packman, by-the-way—we note that he improved the occasion of his bilious malevolence against the old man Larter by lecturing him on wasting public money in public houses—the only justification for this bit of aquapuritanic cant being that Larter was in receipt of an old-age pension, of which Morrison, J.P., has cruelly deprived him for six months. From the Morrison point of view, of course, everybody with a pension, from ex-Lord Chancellors and Cabinet Ministers to poor old Larter, is guilty of wasting public money every time he has a drink, for the only difference between one and the other is that while the one can supply himself from his own cellars the other has to supply himself from other people's.

Prices Still Rising.

Everything rises in these days. We have now to record a rise in steel pens, owing, it is alleged, to the increased cost of raw material. Happily we are of a cheerful disposition, knowing that nothing is as bad as it might be; notepaper and envelopes remain stationary.

The Week's "Chestnut."

(Scene: Exterior of a Hostelry. Time: Closing-time.)

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If a layman appeals for funds for philanthropy, and then spends the money on a beanfeast or something of that kind, the law calls it obtaining money by false pretences; and therefore when we find that a Canon of Holy Church has been collecting money for the Poor Fund, and spending it on "general repairs" of the church, including "rubbers and dusters," it is difficult to describe the operation in its proper terms. Not only, however, has Canon J. Cooke Yarborough, Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, done this, but when this wrongful diversion of the funds—this robbery of the poor—was discovered, and a resolution was moved at the Vestry Meeting that the money shall be replaced and administered for those on whose behalf it was subscribed, the Vicar gave his casting vote, as Chairman, against it! It is mere humbug for him to pretend that the Rubric protects him, any more than it would protect him if, having collected the money in church for the local Hospital Fund, he appropriated it to the Mothers' Guild Tea Fight. It is amazing that the Churchwardens, one of whom we understand is the Mayor of Christchurch, should consent to associate themselves with the Canon in this matter.

ART, FOR ART'S SAKE.

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AN OLD SEA DOG AND HIS WAGGISH TALE.

An ancient mariner, now residing at the Tooting Home for the Aged, has been pulling the leg of a young reporter on the *Evening News*. The "bright-eyed" aged, who says he is 105 years old, certainly possesses a stock of interesting yarns, and were he thrown naked on a desert island and find his only possible food to be oysters, he would doubtless be able to imitate the resourceful tar who placed the bivalves round him in a circle and told them tales till they opened their mouths in astonishment, and thus permitted him to get at their "innards." One or two of Captain David Jackson's—for that is his name—brightest efforts is that in his first ship—of course, a sailing vessel—he "made New York from Hong-Kong in thirty-four days—almost a record." Here the Old Man—to whom the customary seaman's term for the Master can be applied with double meaning—seems to be suffering from what we should esteem to be unusual modesty, for sailing over 14,700 miles at the average speed of about 17 knots (more than 18 miles) an hour is surely a perfectly marvellous performance, which the most powerful modern liner does not excel!

At 19 this wonderful salt became a captain, and "with a wealth of detail" (to quote the artless newspaper man) related the story of his examination for the "ticket."

No wonder his risible faculties overcame the genial ancient, and that he punctuated this story with "many a chuckle"! In 1827—the year in question—examinations for the "ticket" were unknown, there being merely what were termed "servitude certificates." Has the Cap'n been reading *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*?

ROBBING THE POOR.

AMAZING ACTION OF CHRISTCHURCH CANON.

If a layman appeals for funds for philanthropy, and then spends the money on a beanfeast or something of that kind, the law calls it obtaining money by false pretences; and therefore when we find that a Canon of Holy Church has been collecting money for the Poor Fund, and spending it on "general repairs" of the church, including "rubbers and dusters," it is difficult to describe the operation in its proper terms. Not only, however, has Canon J. Cooke Yarborough, Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, done this, but when this wrongful diversion of the funds—this robbery of the poor—was discovered, and a resolution was moved at the Vestry Meeting that the money shall be replaced and administered for those on whose behalf it was subscribed, the Vicar gave his casting vote, as Chairman, against it! It is mere humbug for him to pretend that the Rubric protects him, any more than it would protect him if, having collected the money in church for the local Hospital Fund, he appropriated it to the Mothers' Guild Tea Fight. It is amazing that the Churchwardens, one of whom we understand is the Mayor of Christchurch, should consent to associate themselves with the Canon in this matter.

ART, FOR ART'S SAKE.

WHY A DURHAM "DRAW" MAY BE DEBARRED.

A Sunderland correspondent asks whether it is legal to hold a prize "draw" "under Art Union principles" for the purpose of raising funds for procuring instruments and uniforms for the Monkwearmouth Colliery Prize Band. We are afraid that if conducted in the manner proposed, the effort is hardly likely to add to the funds, as Art Union drawings are permitted only on the specific condition that the whole of the amount raised is distributed in prizes, less the actual expenses in connection with the "draw." As the object of the authorities in granting permission for such lotteries is the "encouragement of art," all the prizes must take the shape of pictures, statues, and other similar objects—within which category some of the prizes appearing in the list sent for our inspection—such as cash, bottles of whiskey, boxes of cigars, pairs of rabbits, gents' ties, etc.—hardly fall!

THE MENACE OF THE MIKADO.

ARE THE JAPS UNFRIENDLY?—A GLIMPSE AT THE YELLOW PERIL.

[In the following article we draw attention to the marked insularity of the Japanese in regard to trade, and to their proneness to "the fault of the Dutch—offering too little and asking too much." Whatever time-serving politicians may say, the conflict between the white and yellow races cannot long be postponed—may we be prepared!]

It has been our British habit to speak kindly of the Japs. We may not have hailed them as brothers—we are sensitive to differences of breed—but we have patted them on the back, praised their aspirations, smiled good-humouredly at their whimsicalities, and displayed to the full that easy-going tolerance which is perhaps the most graceful of our insular mannerisms. And we have taught them a thing or two. Welcoming their commercial envoys, we have cheerfully parted with the secrets of our mills and foundries. Their emissaries have found easy access to our arsenals and dockyards. In countless ways the Jap stands debtor to the Britisher. Diplomatically, too, we have stood sponsor to this adolescent Empire of the Orient, franking her credentials to the bourses and chancelleries of Europe.

ENTENTE V. ALLIANCE.

High diplomacy breeds strange phenomena. Our alliance with Japan, little regarded and dimly apprehended by the average Britisher, stands firm in a world of shifting "ententes." France is our friend, and we have greeted her President with orgiastic fervour. We know France. The travelled Briton—his name is legion to-day—has a homely feeling for her gay cities and her smiling countryside. We have contracted a sentimental regard for our ancient foe. We have fought with him on land and on sea, striven with him in pacific rivalry, visited him, entertained him, flouted him, giped at him, dined him, wined him, and finally gripped his hand and called him friend. There have been no formal protocols and there is no rigid covenant. It is a pact without conditions, a bond without terms. An "entente." *Voilà tout!*

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

And over there against the rising sun is a land that few of us have seen. Comic opera and the tales of travellers have combined to invest its denizens with a halo of romance. A startling exhibition of military prowess and naval strategy has earned our wondering respect. Commercial intercourse has established human relationships and fostered international amenities; but there has been no living *rapprochement* between the subjects of the Mikado and the people of the West. An unyielding barrier, difficult to define, but none the less tangible, lies athwart our common path. We are "friendly," but we are not friends.

A CAST-IRON TREATY.

Diplomats might ere now have engineered an "entente," in the prevailing mode, but for their instinctive knowledge that it could never be "cordiale." And yet in the irony of diplomacy we stand to these strangers in a close contractual relationship. Our world-interests are linked with theirs in rigid treaty bonds. It is now more than a decade since we plighted our troth to the ministers of the Mikado in set terms of diplomatic parlance. That treaty has since been renewed and strengthened. It is a formidable paper bond, providing for the preservation of peace in Eastern Asia and the defence of the mutual rights of the high contracting parties. It guarantees the independence and integrity of China. It stipulates for equal commercial rights for the subjects of all nations.

WATCH!

It is not our present purpose to canvass the merits of the Anglo-Japanese treaty. It has distinguished diplomatic sanction, and we will assume that it is based upon adequate grounds of high policy. Our object is rather to insist that our prestige and interests alike demand that the terms of the treaty shall be observed to the last codicil, in the spirit as in the letter. Japan must not be permitted to pursue any line of policy, internally or externally, which may conceivably work despite to British interests. The

time has come for a close scrutiny of Japanese policy in the far East, with a view to the accurate appraisement of her ultimate intentions. Space will permit us to do no more than suggest the lines of an inquiry which is imperatively demanded.

CHINA.

What is Japan doing in China? It is an open secret that the recent revolution commanded the sympathy of a large and influential section of Japanese opinion. It is credibly asserted that emissaries of the Mikado have offered assistance and counsel to the Chinese Republic in the work of internal reorganisation. The prospect thus opened up is by no means a pleasant one. An awakened China is in itself a source of disquietude and alarm. With Japanese influence dominant at Peking, the peace of Asia would no longer be worth an hour's purchase. The age-long civilisation of Europe would be threatened. But Japan is pledged to Britain to keep her fingers out of the Chinese pie. The treaty should be used to prevent the political fusion of the Mongolian race and to stave off the irruption of China's millions into the plains of Southern Asia.

KOREA.

Russian encroachments upon the Korean peninsula formed the *casus belli* of 1904. The Treaty of Portsmouth gave the suzerainty of the province to Japan. In 1910 Korea was formally annexed to the Japanese Empire, the Mikado's government undertaking not to interfere for ten years with commercial rights possessed by foreigners in the peninsula. Yet British and American traders resident in the province are keenly resentful of the treatment meted out to them by the governmental authorities. They assert that they are vexed and hampered in their commercial operations, while Japanese traders are helped and encouraged. It is suggested that Japan is anxious to rid her territory of European influences, to kick away the ladder by which she has climbed and to shake herself free from the restraint of Western opinion. Here, again, competent observers discern a sinister tendency towards the evasion of treaty obligations—a cynical disposition to play a lone hand under the sheltering cloak of ostensible tolerance and goodwill. We repeat that Britain should sift the charges which are commonplace with European settlers in the Orient, and shape her policy by the result of such investigation.

TRADE.

The rigid protectionism of the Japanese tariff is part of her set policy of commercial expansion, but there is ample evidence that it is accompanied by a widespread system of subsidies, monopolies, and bounties—all framed with the single purpose of hampering the enterprise of British and American traders seeking an outlet in Eastern markets. The details are technical, but the facts are disquieting. Specific instances are within our knowledge. Conspicuous among them is the case of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, or Japanese Trading House, with its Government privileges and monopolies, its exclusive distributory rights—a grim menace to Western commercial interests and a standing infringement of the treaty obligations of the Mikado.

BRITAIN'S DUTY.

In a more warlike age the suspicious circumstances to which we have adverted might easily have constituted a *casus belli*, and furnished material for a first-class conflagration. War between Britain and Japan would be a crime against our high Imperial interests. We may best insure against such a disaster by clear thinking, timely action, and plain speech. From the Japanese nation we have a right to demand the plenary fulfilment of her treaty obligations, civil treatment, fair play, and an "open door."

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HODGE!

The village church is decorated with the fruits and flowers of the earth, the choir are doing their level best to drown the full power of the pipes, and the congregation are joining in the grand old psalm of thankfulness for temporal blessings received. Some part of the beautiful story of Ruth is substituted for the appointed lesson for the day. The Rector, whose silvery hair adds prestige to his office, emphasises the need of practical evidence of our thankfulness; a collection is made for the local hospital funds, and the Harvest Thanksgiving, idyllic and time-honoured, is brought to a close.

But what does it all mean to Hodge, sitting in a back pew to hide the shabbiness of his Sunday coat and field boots (his only pair)?

He has had to work just the same hours, seven to five, for the same twelve shillings a week he has been earning all the year round, excepting when rain prevented work and so lessened the intake. It is true on the neighbouring farms the men have worked two hours a day overtime during harvest, receiving the princely sum of fourpence an hour, but his master has not been so generous, trusting to the weather, which, for him, has luckily kept fine.

Can Hodge be as thankful as his father was thirty years ago when harvesting was contracted for by the acre, and one could earn anything from £5 to £10 above the present miserable pay?

Harvesting in those days meant a new rig-out for the family and the wherewithal for the rent. Then, after Harvest came the Gleaning. One's wife and little ones could manage to garner in a bushel or two of wheat to be ground at the village mill and converted into bread, and a similar quantity of barley and oats for the pig; but now, what with the greedy self-binders, which gather in every individual ear of corn, every scrap of flour and meal must be bought for family and pig. And the pig is a poor speculation! Last year the miller's bill for meal exceeded the value of the pork, but Hodge looks to it as an investment, half for sale to furnish the rent and half to be salted for food. Butcher's meat is out of the question.

Harvest thanksgiving! Why couldn't the parson read that little bit out of Leviticus instead of Ruth?

Hodge has read and pondered over it many a time.

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of the field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of the harvest; thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and the stranger. I am the Lord your God."

The farmer pleads poverty, but Hodge doubts the genuineness of the plea. He has an allotment himself (an eighth of an acre), and can show a clear profit of 80 to 100 per cent., although he pays at the rate of 30s. an acre and the farmer rents his land at 7s. 6d. He admits that the farmer sometimes loses the whole crop in one or two fields because the weeds are so thick the corn has had to be cut green and used for litter; but what, he thinks, can one expect when a farm of 300 to 400 acres has only ten men to cultivate it?

Is there any wonder that he comes to the conclusion that farming pays so well that the farmer is quite content with his gains from this make-shift cultivation, and shirks fuller cultivation as it would lead to a greater demand for labour and consequently higher wages? Whether the conjecture is right or not, Hodge (who is not unmusical) can be pardoned if he is a little out of tune when singing, "Come ye thankful people, come!"

"OH, FOR A—."

According to the *Sydney Sun*, they want it in New South Wales. "Sydney is the central depot for the activities of New South Wales," it says, "and if the whole State were controlled by a shrewd business management, that management would not allow the depot to remain in two divisions. Under Party government, works of national necessity are rarely undertaken until they show some Party advantage." Sounds quite homely, doesn't it?

Don't Forget the Pen Coupon. See page iii. of cover.

CONFUSION CONFOUNDED.

LEICESTER JUSTICES' AMAZING PERFORMANCES.

The lax and haphazard fashion in which the criminal law is administered by certain provincial Justices has long been a public scandal. The Leicester magistrates have recently given a most flagrant exhibition of wild and wayward judicial methods. Below, we briefly summarise four cases recently disposed of at the Borough Court:—

1.

Two men with hitherto good characters charged—one with stealing and the other with receiving valuable table-toppers. No defence. Both prisoners bound over under the First Offenders' Act.

2.

A man charged with stealing from a warehouse one pound of butter, valued at one shilling and twopence. The prisoner pleads guilty and expresses his sorrow. On his behalf, it is urged that he has hitherto borne a splendid character. The Chairman holds that the offence is "a very serious one." The prisoner is fined five pounds, with the alternative of one month's gaol.

3.

A motor cycle case. A young man is summoned for driving furiously and to the public danger and for driving without a licence. It is shown that the defendant collided with a crowd of children and that one little girl was knocked down. Both offences are proved. Defendant is fined ten shillings for the dangerous driving and twenty shillings for riding without a licence.

4.

Another motor cycle case. Defendant is a licensed driver, but is charged with driving in a manner dangerous to the public. There are no previous convictions against him. It is shown that he collided with a procession of the Boys' Brigade, one boy being knocked down. The police estimate the defendant's speed at ten miles an hour. Fined five pounds and costs.

Comment is superfluous. Leicester badly needs a Stipendiary. Now then, Ramsay MacDonald, turn your eyes from India to your own constituency.

"THE OPEN DOOR."

A STRATFORD READER'S EXPERIENCE.

Apropos of our recent reference to the danger to railway passengers arising from the insecure fastening of the doors of the carriages, a Stratford reader writes:—

I can fully endorse your strictures upon the locks of the North London Railway. Early in May, 1912, my wife and three children were travelling from Highbury to Bow and upon alighting at Dalston Junction found the Bow train on other side of same platform with porters shouting, "Hurry up," etc.

The wife handed my son, aged 5, into the carriage first, and then the two girls, 7 and 9. No sooner had she done so than she heard a cry and found the boy had disappeared out of opposite door, and she (as I consider) bravely jumped out on to the metals after him. (By this time train had started, and was not stopped until halfway out of station the driver hearing the screams of the two girls.) Fortunately neither wife nor boy were hurt, except a few bruises where they struck the metals, but I shudder to think of the result had a train come along the other line. The remarkable thing is they were not killed by their own train. Now from time of handing the boy into carriage until hearing scream was not more than two to three seconds, so it was impossible for him to cross carriage and then have fumbled with his puny strength and open lock. I maintain the door was open, but had appearance of being closed, and when he leant against it to look out of window it opened and let him fall out. This can be verified by station officials who took particulars at time. I made no comment to Company because they were not seriously hurt, and I thought it was an isolated case, but it evidently is not so. Therefore I am pleased you are taking matter up, and hope you will be successful in getting a better type of lock fitted.

Whilst the subject of the prevention of railway accidents is in the air, we commend this aspect of the problem to the attention of the Board of Trade.

MAGISTRATE AND UNFAIR CONTRACTS.**MR. MEAD'S SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION.**

An application was recently made to Mr. Mead, one of the London Stipendiary Magistrates, for a Protection Order with regard to the transfer of a licence of a public house. The incoming tenant was a woman, and one of the conditions of the contract was that in the event of her being committed for trial for felony she should be liable to notice from the brewers to give up the premises. This meant that although an unfounded charge was brought against her and she was honourably acquitted, she was to lose the £150 she had invested in the business. It was further stipulated that she was to keep the house open from 5 o'clock one morning until 12.30 the next. The brewers' representative stated that this condition would not be enforced. The learned magistrate replied that he did not care whether they enforced it or not. The condition was objectionable, and she ought to have independence in the matter. On the whole he had never seen anything more outrageous than this agreement; and it was disgraceful to take advantage of a lady like this, unversed in legal matters. Until these points were rectified he should decline to grant the application.

Later in the day the brewers sent a solicitor to argue the point on their behalf. He admitted that the clauses referred to were somewhat stringent, but contended that they were necessary in consequence of the views occasionally taken by tenants of their responsibilities. As to the opening-hours clause, he had no objection to it being altered to "reasonable hours"—although the original clause had been allowed after appeal at Quarter Sessions.

Mr. Mead said he regretted such a decision because it seemed to him against public policy.

The learned gentleman proceeded to argue at great length, but the magistrate was obdurate, and only granted the application on condition that the clause as to the opening hours should be remodelled, and that the re-entry clause should be deleted. Many persons make a bad bargain—either because they cannot afford to pay for legal advice, or, under a mistaken idea of economy, endeavour to save the lawyer's fee—but we submit that it is the duty of any judge or magistrate to give whatever protection he can to a party when he finds that an agreement is harsh and unconscionable, and we suggest that other magistrates and County Court judges should follow Mr. Mead's admirable lead and look into the merits when poor persons are brought before them by a certain class of firm.

"SHINE, SIR?"**CHISWICK POLISH COMPANY AND THEIR CUSTOMERS.**

Mr. George Cohen, of Cardiff, purchased a quantity of Cherry Blossom Boot Polish through a wholesale house, paying cash, and then proceeded to sell it at 2 tins for 1d., which he informs us left a reasonable profit. Shortly afterwards he was surprised to receive the following letter from Mr. Bertram Sturt, Solicitor, of 8, Old Jewry, London:

SIR,—It has recently come to the knowledge of my clients, The Chiswick Polish Company, Ltd., that in breach of your contract with them you are selling the penny tins of Cherry Blossom Boot Polish at less than a penny per tin (i.e., 2 tins for 1d.), and in so doing you have incurred a penalty of £10. Moreover, you have not only sold the tins at the reduced price, but have greatly aggravated the offence by advertising the polish locally at the same reduced price. The matter is, therefore, one that appears to call for severe treatment on the part of my clients, and I must request you to let me know by return of post what compensation in money you are prepared to make for the improper dealings with my clients' goods, and that in addition to making a reasonable payment you will at once sign a specific apology and an undertaking that there shall be no further breach of the agreement. In addition to the above, I apprehend that my clients will require to insert (at your expense) an advertisement in the same paper in which your recent advertisement appeared.

As Mr. Cohen did not sign any contract, he is not liable to pay any penalty, or to give any apology. The demand seems to be quite unjustifiable, and we should leave Mr. Sturt and his clients to make what *shine* they can in the Courts.

DEVOURERS OF THE POOR.**"LEGAL AID" SOCIETIES WHICH SHOULD BE DECLARED ILLEGAL.**

Residents in Hammersmith have lately received, during such hours as the male head of the family is presumably away, unwelcome visits from touts of the Provident Legal Accident Society, Limited, of 120, Marylebone Road, W., 65, Farringdon Street, E.C., and 7, Orwell Road, Bow, of which the Secretary is a man named H. Leslie. On the representation that it was the renewal of her husband's subscription, sixpence was received from an unsophisticated lady in return for an aluminium key-tab and a "certificate," printed on butter paper, stating that the "holder" is entitled to "free advice" on legal matters, and "immediate assistance in case of accident, etc., where damages are claimed, and the member has just claim to compensation. On any amount recovered two shillings in the pound is deducted to cover the working expenses of the Society." The ordinary man-of-the-world will have no hesitation in putting together two and two—or one and two, for the clauses are so numbered—and coming to the conclusion that the concern exists with the object of exploiting injured working men. Indeed—as was shown about a year ago, when Mr. Hopkins sentenced one of the touts of this particular body to five days' imprisonment for begging—the subscriptions are retained by Leslie's jackals. These pestilential societies are a curse to both employer and employed—to the former, as they induce injured workmen to embark upon speculative actions, and to the latter as the litigation is usually handed over to incompetent or shady solicitors, whose poor clients are deprived of just compensation owing either to the blundering of their professional assistants or to being forced to compromise for much less than would have been secured by going into Court. It is time the operations of such disreputable bodies were declared illegal.

MEANDERING MONOPOLISTS.**RAILWAY COMPANY'S RIDICULOUS DELAY.**

The Great Western Railway Company may safely be "backed for a place" in the Circumlocution Stakes. At the beginning of April last, a correspondent took return tickets for himself, his wife and two children, from Bristol to Ireland by the Fishguard route. The tickets were available for one month, the party intending to return home four weeks later. In the meanwhile, however, the wife fell ill, and was consequently unable to travel on the appointed day. The husband returned to Bristol with his children, and there detailed the circumstances which had prevented his wife from making the journey. Her monthly ticket had, of course, expired, but the Station Master obligingly explained that the company would gladly refund half its cost in respect of the "return" portion which had not been used. The half ticket was forwarded to the Station Master's office at Bristol early in May, but no refund has so far been made. Three times our correspondent has sent the Station Master a written reminder of his promise, but to little or no purpose. A letter from the Passenger Department at Bristol, dated July 22nd—ten weeks after receipt of the ticket—reads:—

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst., the question of refund on your ticket to Ennis is in hand with the Irish Railway Company, and a definite reply will be sent to you as early as possible.

The reference to an Irish company seems to imply divided responsibility, but the fact that the above letter was in reply to a communication received thirteen days previously evidences lamentable slackness in the Bristol office. It is now more than three months since our correspondent, at the suggestion of the Bristol Station Master, made his claim to a refund. Even allowing for a reference to Ireland, any smart business firm would have adjusted so trifling a matter inside a week. No private concern of repute would permit such slipshod methods to prevail, but one of the worst results of monopoly is to impair that efficiency which is vital to successful competitive effort.

£50 EXTRA Football Prizes for ladies. Particulars on page 387.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

BULL-DOGGEREL RHYMES BY "THE BOW-WOW."



• THE KICK OFF •

Once more the bounding ball appears
Amidst enthusiastic cheers,
And now, till summer comes again,
We shall have football on the brain.



• SECOND THOUGHTS •

The steps that Major Pringle took
The Press and public would not brook;
"Throw wide the door!" the people cried,
"We will know why those victims died!"



• THE TYPHOON •

An ill wind, it is understood,
Is that which blows nobody good;
But who'd have thought that a "Typhoon"
Would prove to anyone a boon?



THE
KINDLY CAPTAIN
AND
THE KIDDIES

To Captain Smith we raise our glass—
There are too few of him, alas!
Who, once himself a workhouse boy,
Now strives to bring such children joy.



• NAUTCHY, NAUTCHY! •

Maud Allan's purpose to appear
In India fills some with fear,
Who say (intending a rebuff):
"Already India's warm enough!"



"PURR!"

If Uncle Sam you would delight,
Just crack him up with all your might;
This Haldane did, while John Bull smiled
To see how "blarney" Sam beguiled.

SHABBY SALVATIONISTS.

ARMY OFFICIAL'S EPISTOLARY IMPERTINENCE.

There is a growing disposition on the part of certain Approved Societies to exceed the authority reserved to them by the Insurance Act. The practice to which we have already referred of appointing Medical Referees to revise the judgments of panel doctors in the interests of the Societies' funds is one which urgently calls for the attention of the Insurance Commissioners. The prevalence of malingering in certain quarters must not be made a pretext for the introduction of a system so open to grave abuse. A Blaengarw reader directs our attention to circumstances in which the Secretary of the Reliance Benefit Society, of Queen Victoria Street, E.C.—a Salvation Army institution—has been guilty of an impudent and unwarrantable attempt to intimidate an unmarried woman into the relinquishment of her legal rights. The woman is a working housekeeper, and in March last she gave birth to a child. She at once claimed Maternity Benefit from the Reliance Society, and the money was promptly paid. A little later she had occasion to "declare on" the sick funds of the institution, being certified "unfit for work" by a local panel doctor. Her indisposition continued for some time, her medical attendant holding that prolonged rest was essential to her complete recovery. In July last the Secretary, who was of course cognisant of all the facts, despatched a letter to the sick woman, from which we take the following extract:—

You have been on the funds now a good time, and we have under consideration just now the question of asking certain members who have been receiving sick benefit for a considerable period to undergo a thorough examination by a doctor appointed by us.

The patient keenly resented this impudent suggestion of malingering, and at once sent a letter of protest. By the provisions of the Insurance Act, the evidence of her medical attendant clearly entitled her to continuing benefit. The Secretary was quite well aware of this, and he accordingly changed his tactics. His reply was as shabby a communication as can well be conceived. We print it in full:—

I really think we have dealt with you very generously in the way of Sick Benefit, and that you should be content with what has already been paid you. Strictly, you should not have received the 30s. Maternity Benefit in March last, in view of all the circumstances in connection with the case, and the full facts should have been made known to us at the time.

Here was a shameless attempt to intimidate the woman by recalling her misfortune, and an unscrupulous distortion of the provisions of the Act. The law unequivocally provides for the payment of Maternity Benefit to all mothers who are insured. The Secretary of the Reliance Society knows this full well. He knows, too, that he was legally bound to pay the 30s. on proof of the birth, and that he has no right whatever to demand or invite further disclosures. His letters, which are in our possession, merit the attention of the Insurance Commissioners, who should find means of impressing him with a proper sense of the duties required by law.

Now is the time to "Bullet." Over 5,000 Prizes Weekly.

"CHRISTIAN" CHARLATANS.**A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST'S ADVENTURE.**

The Seventh-Day Adventists' Union, Limited, have their headquarters at Stanborough Park, Watford. It is a sect that one can scarcely fathom. One of their beliefs, however, is that the second coming of Christ will be on a Saturday. While waiting for the happy day they consider it necessary to publish tracts, sell corsets, monkey-nuts and face cream for the good of the soul. Truly a funny creed! They are also champion sweaters of girl labour. At Watford they have what they are pleased to call a College. It is a charming place, standing in 55 acres of ground, the most of which is woodland. Here students of both sexes are admitted (on payment) and trained for missionary work amongst the heathen. In connection with the college is a Food Factory, where neophytes must labour for the good of the cause. The point to which we wish to draw the attention of the public, however, is the sweating system of these humbugs. First let us give an extract from their Rule Book, and then examine a Contract form:—

When a Conference selects young men and women, and aids them in obtaining an education for the canvassing field or any other branch of the work, there should be an understanding as to what they propose to do—whether they design to engage in courtship and marriage, or to labour for the advancement of the cause of truth. It is no use to spend time and money in the education of workers who will fall in love before they complete this education, and who cannot resist the first temptation in the form of an invitation to marriage. In most cases the labour spent on such persons is wholly lost.

Now let us see how this so-called Christian Liability Company sweats its young workers and sisters. Here is the agreement actually signed by a girl of nineteen:—

I hereby agree to put forth an earnest endeavour to earn a scholarship by the sale of subscription books and magazines, on the following terms constituting part of the scholarship plan adopted by the British Union Conference.

I agree to travel to and from my territory by the route arranged for me by the General Agent. If I make any alteration therein I will bear the extra expense thereby incurred myself. I will work thoroughly and systematically the territory assigned me under the direction of the General Agent, and in accordance with the rules of the I.T.S., for a period of not less than 10 weeks, at 40 hours per week. Even though I earn sufficient money for a scholarship before the expiration of this period, yet I agree to work ten full weeks. I will remit cash as rapidly as possible for the goods received from the International Tract Society, and also on account of my scholarship, and will pay in the entire amount of £40 before the opening of school. It is understood that if, after working faithfully the above-mentioned time I fail to sell the £40 worth of books and magazines, but succeed in selling three-fourths or more of this amount, I shall be permitted to enter school, and have the privilege of finishing the work during the school year, providing I pay in full three-quarters of the amount before the opening of the school. If I succeed in completing the scholarship by the end of the school year, I shall be entitled to all the benefits of the scholarship plan, except my return fare to school.

Should I fail in selling the required amount before the end of the school year, then I must pay the regular school fees, and receive only the 50 per cent. commission on my book and magazine sales.

If I fail to sell three-fourths of the full amount of books and magazines before the commencement of school, I am to be permitted to continue canvassing on the scholarship plan, and if I succeed in finishing the work before the expiration of one year from the date of commencing, I am to receive the full benefits including my return fare to school from the place I leave off canvassing. If I fail I shall only be entitled to the 50 per cent. commission on my sales.

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Our recent reference to the "penny wise" policy of the East Ham Borough Council in the matter of their new Fire Station, which is in course of erection, speedily provoked a half column retort in the pages of a local journal. We will dismiss the probability that the article in question was inspired from a by no means disinterested quarter, neither do we propose to reply in kind to the impertinence which the writer has seen fit to substitute for argument. Our sole concern is for the facts.

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We have this week allotted £10 from the JOHN BULL Derby Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCXLV., £3; CCXLVI., £2; and CCLXIII., £5.

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[From the mass on the way to Newspapers during the Silly Season.]

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"TWENTY YEARS A MINER."

"I hope there is no worse Hell than I have to endure day after day to get the bread that perisheth.

"A SHIP'S STOKER."

ADDRESSED TO THE *Referee*.

"Your discussion on Re-incarnation is interesting. I am a slavey, and work from 5 a.m. till midnight. I can't get a better place, as I am ugly, and lame; although God knows no one works harder or better than I do. I do hope there is a re-incarnation, and that next time I shall be a prettier woman, and able to taste some of life's happiness—now so unjustly denied me.

"SARAH BROWN."

"Perhaps there is something, after all, in the seemingly ridiculous theory of re-incarnation. I have a collie, whose devotion is touching; and whose brown eyes are as tender as a woman's. I was recently unjustly convicted for a small theft; and when I came out of prison all my so-called friends slunk away from me, as from a leper. But my dear old collie is faithful, and my only true friend. I hope his soul is immortal, and will pass on to cheer other men as he has me.

"A DOG LOVER."

DIRECTED TO THE *Daily Telegraph*.

"I feel justified in stating that the Athletic Girl is a curse to her home and generation. Let me state my own case. I have six daughters, who, in their teens, promised to be beautiful women. Then the eldest in a mad moment joined a hockey club—and gradually her sisters were smitten with the athletic plague. The result is half-a-dozen tall, broad-shouldered, muscular women; who keep me in my place by sheer physical superiority; and they are so powerful and formidable in appearance that of course any 'eligible' young men are terrified to look at them.

"A DISGUSTED FATHER."

"I mark with sorrow the day my daughter became an Athletic Girl. Before that sad event, she being respectably slim and demure, I was able to cut down my old dresses, &c., to fit her. Now she is so broad that all garments have to be specially made; and the expense—to say nothing of her horse-racy appearance—is driving me and my dear husband to distraction.

"A CLERGYMAN'S WIFE."

"When I married my wife she was a pretty slip of a girl, weighing just over seven stone. I built a cottage in the country, and we settled down—as I thought—to a life of true happiness. But, alas! Our nearest neighbour's daughter was an Athletic Girl—and she soon had my wife under her clubs. Before long the home was neglected, food badly cooked (on one occasion she boiled some tennis balls instead of eggs), and then the house literally could not hold her; for she pulled a wall out one night practising with a developer, and the staircase collapsed as she was training for the high jump! My conclusion is, 'The Athletic Girl, Cuss her!'

"A BROKEN-HEARTED HUSBAND."

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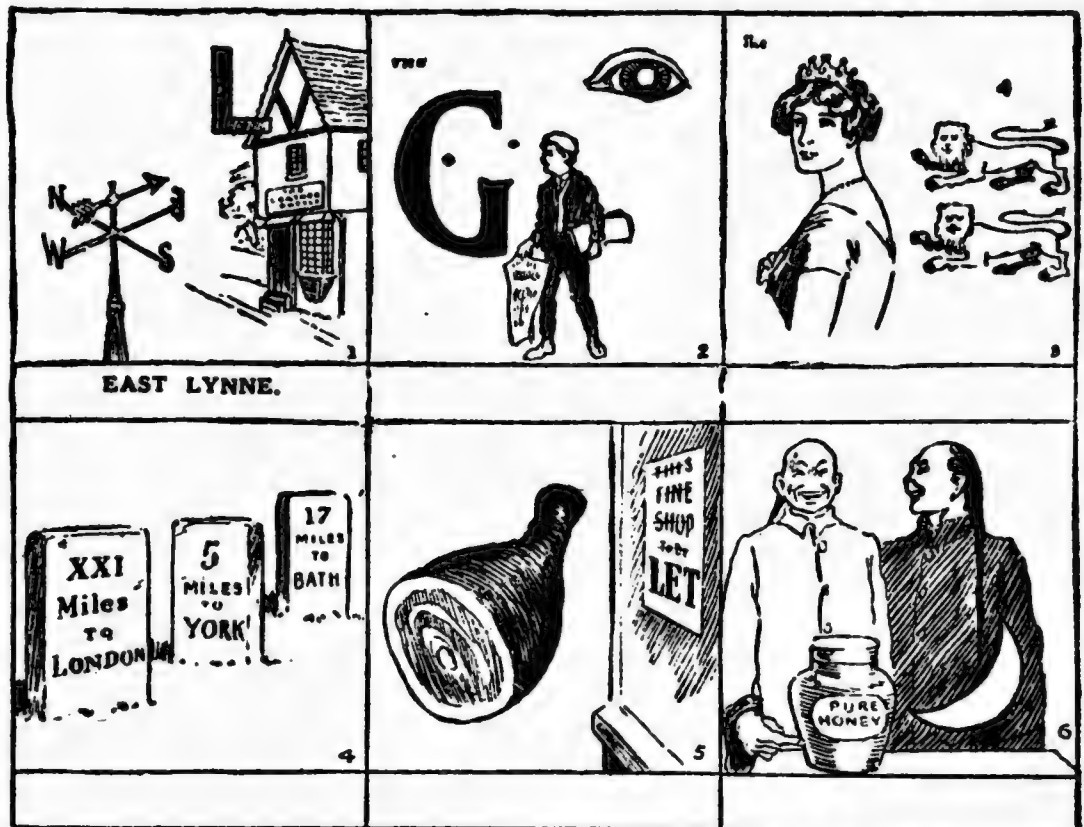
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OPEN LETTERS, POSTCARDS AND TELEGRAMS.

To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P.

DEAR PREMIER,—Upon a matter of supreme gravity I address you as the head of his Majesty's Government, brushing aside the conventions by which you share your high authority with subordinate Ministers. Our hearts have been saddened and our imaginations staggered by a desolating railway disaster. Men, women, and children have been cruelly done to death in circumstances which clearly point to the perpetration of some ghastly blunder, & not culpable neglect. The catastrophe marks the sinister climax of a series of mishaps, many of which might clearly have been prevented by ampler forethought or surer precaution. Permit me to emphasize a single tragic instance. More than two years ago the terrors of a railway smash on the Midland Line were intensified by flaming gas. The recent catastrophe gleaned added horror from a precisely similar cause. The Company has callously ignored the representations of a State department, and has stubbornly persisted in the retention of a system of lighting rife with the potentiality of death and disaster. This fact alone constitutes a damning indictment of the Department charged with the preservation of public safety. The counts of the condemnation might be indefinitely multiplied. I appeal to you as the head of the Government to grip the situation fearlessly, and to take immediate and drastic action for the safeguarding of human life from preventable peril—civilised government's primal task.

JOHN BULL.

To Fitzallen Howard, Esq., J.P., Spalding, Lincs.

DEAR MR. HOWARD,—A word about the case of the old man Larter, who was before you and Mr. H. M. Morrison a few days ago. This old man of 72 got drunk; he had been convicted for drunkenness at Spalding some five years previously, and I don't intend to make any ado about the small fine which you acquiesced in inflicting upon him. The attitude of your colleague towards him was, however, splenetic and cruel. Not very much was the matter with him in the way of character; in a week-and-a-half he had walked over a hundred miles from London to Spalding to do some thrashing work; and though you, sir, were willing and even eager that his conviction should not deprive him of his old age pension, the ordinary effect of the law, Mr. Morrison refused to consent to a magisterial recommendation, the result being that the old man was deprived of his pension for six months, and some of these the worst in the year. What a conscience! What an iniquity! What a damnable caricature of justice! Six pounds ten shillings and gaol because he could not immediately pay the fine of half-a-crown and costs for taking a little too much! Sir, if there is a market place in your town, Morrison, J.P., of Spalding, ought to have erected unto him, in its midst, a monument of hard-frozen putty.

JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Mercy Russell, Maidstone.

DEAR MERCY,—That was a nice little game you had with a London policeman the other day. Charmed with his youth and smart appearance, and hungering for some consolation for your widowhood, you made an inquiry for the way to the Marble Arch an excuse for accosting him. There must be something peculiarly romantic, not to say erotic, in the atmosphere of Portman Square, else I doubt whether you would have lingered there after receiving the information you requested, nor have declared "I don't want to go there now. I like you and want to go for a walk with you. Oh, you are a nice boy!" Nor would you, at that point, have thrown your arms round his neck and attempted to kiss him. But London constables are made of stern stuff; and in the end you accompanied him to the police station, with your arm lovingly twined around his waist—your brief romance meeting with a somewhat sordid close next day when you were fined for being drunk! Get married again if you want someone to love you, someone to love and adore; or exercise your amorous arts on the constabulary of Maidstone. London is no place for a susceptible young widow like you.

JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. Hasties, Solicitors, 65, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

GENTLEMEN,—You are, of course, aware that it is a serious breach of professional etiquette for any member of the legal profession to advertise, but notwithstanding the stringency of this rule you appear to have found a fine method of bringing your name before the public, although your advertisement does not seem particularly discreet. You sent a clerk on a railway journey with a typewriter, but declined to pay the carriage on the machine—your contention being that it was personal luggage. You were in due course summoned by the railway company, and the County Court judge held that you were wrong. That was defeat No. 1.

Your second advertising venture was on the National Insurance Act. You wrote a long letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which by some means or other obtained wide circulation in the Press—the effect of which was that you would not pay your contributions until you had been summoned. Eventually you were brought before the "beak" and mulcted in fines and costs to the tune of £21 5s. That was defeat No. 2.

This sort of thing is scarcely the form of advertisement to do a firm of solicitors good. Just think how these two instances would strike a prospective client. He would undoubtedly come to the conclusion that as you conduct your own business on such reckless lines, it would not be safe to trust you with his.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

DEAR PRESIDENT,—The last charge of dynamite has exploded, and thus is virtually completed that great work of canal construction which, severing the earth, has knit the world in closer bonds. I felicitate you in that the consummation of this mighty scheme has synchronised with your occupancy of the Presidential chair. I cannot think that in your zest for commercial advantage you will permit this signal triumph of pacific enterprise to become the occasion for bickering or friction between your Government and the nations of Europe, all of whom, at the moment, are proud to call you friend. I am confident that your insight and perspicacity will not desert you in a situation calling for the exercise of shrewd judgment and healing tact.

JOHN BULL.

To Lord Haldane, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.

MY LORD,—Your speech to the American Bar Association was in your best vein. You called it "A Study in the Law and Ethics," but it was something much more practical than that. It was an enlightened and helpful estimate of the trend of world policy, instinct with common sense and illumined by critical insight. Your robust views upon the high themes of Nationality and Empire stand in pleasing contrast to the idle vapourings of purblind "pacifists," which have recently tried our patience and vexed our patriotic sense. Your high place in the councils of the nation is a welcome guarantee for the stability of our soundest institutions, and for the conservation of our Imperial heritage.

JOHN BULL.

To G. Bernard Shaw, Esq., St. James's Theatre, London.

DEAR SHAW,—Your new play does not appear to have been exactly a success, even though you provided a real live lion stuffed with—Mr. E. Sillward, for the delectation of an audience presumably athirst for Shavian wit and satire. Somehow or other, the British public—all misguided if you will—do not appear to regard the martyrdom of early Christians as a fit subject for twentieth century mirth. Of course we've "grown out" of martyrdom nowadays—except for the suffragettes—but a curious respect for it lingers, and it is against this unreasoning feeling that you have burned your facile fingers. Try again—and, following my practice, leave religion alone.

JOHN BULL.

Birrell, Irish Office.

Why didn't you look up your old election speeches before writing that letter? Party politicians cannot be too careful in these matters.

BULL.

Result of Our Final Cricket Contest appears on page 365.

LEGAL ATTITUDES.



If in Ulster you preach civil war, then the Law
Will not think that your crime's worth remarkin';

But in Dublin you'll find that the Law's not so kind,
And will soon put a stop to your "Larkin'."

HEARD IN THE TRAIN.

THE DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: How are yer?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: I'm orl right.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Well, yer don't look it, I tell yer strite. Wot's up?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN (*sullenly*): Nuthink.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Don' tork ser silly. Art wiv it! Ain't I yer pal? Lessee, you're gittin' spliced to Jim nex' week, ain' cher?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN (*savagely*): Nar! We ain't.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN (*incredulously*): Git art! Yer don' meanter sye you an' Jim's 'ad a rar?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Not hus.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Wotcher broke it orf fur, then?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: We ain't broke it orf, I tells yer!

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: I see. Jest put it orf fur a bit, I s'pose.

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Then yer s'pose wrong, see? We ain't neether 'ad a rar, or broke it orf, or put it orf.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Wotjer sye you wosn't gittin' spliced nex' week fur then?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: 'Cos we ain't. We ain't agoin' ter git married at orl; an' thet's orl erbart it.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: W'y not?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN (*in tears*): 'Cos—'cos they won't let us.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: 'Oo won't let cher?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Th—ther c-clergyman . . . an I—I'm very near or-orf me 'ed.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Wotcher torkin' erbart? W'y won't 'e let cher marry Jim?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: 'C—'Cos 'is fust wife wos my pore sis—sister. 'E ses 'e don't see no 'arm in it 'imself, but ther Bishop's told 'im 'e mustn't.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: 'Ere, don't cry, ole gal. E' ain't the on'y pebble on ther bloomin' beach. Wot erbart the uvver clergymen?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: None of 'em won't. Jim's awsked

ther lot. They say they've gotter do wot the Bishop o' London tells 'em.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: I wouldn't trouble erbart thet if I wos you. Git married at a registry office.

2ND YOUNG WOMAN (*savagely*): Not me! None of yer registry orfices fur me. I'm a respectable woman, an' if I cawn't be married in me parish church I won't git married at orl. I don't care nar. I'm fond o' Jim, an' I loves 'is little nipper, me pore sister's kid. But if I cawn't git married in me parish church I won't git married AT ALL, not if ther Bishop woster go darn on 'is knees. Thet's me!

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Wot's Jim fink erbart it?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Fink erbart it? You should 'ave 'eard 'im! I've never 'eard 'im swear afore—nuthink ter speak of. Orlways bin a steady, 'ard-workin' chap, 'e 'as, wiv nutthink against 'im. But 'e's done wiv ther church nar. An' so've I, you bet!

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: I'm sorry for yer, Ethel; I am, strite. It do seem 'ard as you an' Jim shud 'ave ter break orf.

2ND YOUNG WOMAN (*fiercely*): Break orf? 'Oo's agoin' ter break orf? We ain't, an' I tell yer strite.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Jer meanter sye—?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Yuss! an' I ain't ershamed of it. It ain't hour fault. It's ther Bishop wot's done it. I promised my pore sister I'd look arfter 'er kid, an' I'm agoin' ter. Jim wants me, an' ther church ain't agoin' ter keep us apart. An' I'd tell ther Bishop to 'is fice.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: But chew kin git married some-where else, cawn't cher?

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Jer fink we're goin' ter 'unt rarnd fur a bloke wot'll marry us, a-beggin' an' prayin'? Not us. Jim's job is 'ere, and 'ere we're agoin' ter stop. I'm goin' to 'im nex' week, an' I don't care wot 'appens.

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: Well, I dessay I'd do ther sime if I wos you. Enny'ow, it won't mike no diff'rance ter me. I'll come rarnd nex' week an' see yer bofe. Goo' bye, ole gal. It ain't yore fault if yer ain't doin' ther right fng.

2ND YOUNG WOMAN: Goo' bye. Yer will come rarnd an' see us, woncher?

1ST YOUNG WOMAN: 'Corse I will. I likes yer pluck;

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, 13th September, 1913.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

	Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Season's Result.	JOHN BULL.	Lettings Weekly.	News of the World.	Weekly Dispatch.	Competitors.	The Umpire.	Sporting Go. slip.	Irish Spring Illustration.
1ST LEAGUE	Aston Villa v. Blackburn Rovers	Drawn (1—1)	Draw	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Away	Draw	Home
	Barnley v. Sheffield W.	No Game	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Away	Home	Draw	Home
	Liverpool v. Sunderland	Sunderland won 5—2	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw
	Manchester U. v. Bolton W.	Manchester won 2—1	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Middlesbrough v. Bradford C.	Draw 1—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Newcastle U. v. Everton	Newcastle won 2—0	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Draw
	Oldham A. v. Chelsea	Oldham won 3—2	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Preston N.E. v. W. Bromwich A.	No Game	Away	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Sheffield U. v. Manchester City	Draw 1—1	Draw	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Home	Draw	Draw
	Spurs v. Derby	Derby won 2—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home
2ND LEAGUE	Barnsley v. Blackpool	Barnsley won 5—3	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Bradford v. Bristol City	Bradford won 4—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Home
	Bury v. Lincoln	Lincoln won 3—0	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Away	Home
	Fulham v. Huddersfield	Fulham won 2—0	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Glossop v. Clapton Orient	Glossop won 3—0	Draw	Away	Away	Draw	Home	Home	Draw	Draw
	Hull City v. Notts Forest	Hull won 2—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	H me	Home	Home
	Leicester Foss v. Grimsby	Leicester won 1—0	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Notts County v. Birmingham	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home
	Stockport County v. Leeds City	Leeds won 4—2	Away	Away	Home	Home	Away	Away	Away	Away
	Wolverhampton W. v. W. Arsenal	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home
SOUTHERN LEAGUE	Bristol Rovers v. West Ham	Rovers won 2—1	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Brighton v. Watford	Brighton won 3—0	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Draw	Draw	Home
	Cardiff C. v. Southampton	No Game	Home	Away	Home	Draw	Home	Away	Draw	Home
	Exeter City v. Reading	Exeter won 1—0	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw
	Millwall v. Crystal Palace	Palace won 1—0	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Northampton v. Gillingham	Northampton won 2—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Portsmouth v. Coventry	Portsmouth won 2—1	Home	Home	Away	Draw	Draw	Home	Away	Home
	Queen's Park R. v. Merthyr	Rangers won 4—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Southend United v. Norwich	No Game	Home	Home	Away	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw
	Swindon v. Plymouth Argyle	Swindon won 2—1	Draw	Home	H me	Home	Away	Home	Draw	Draw

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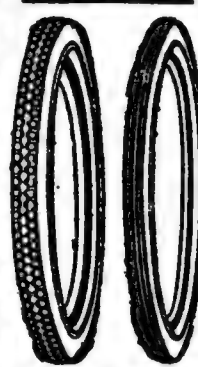
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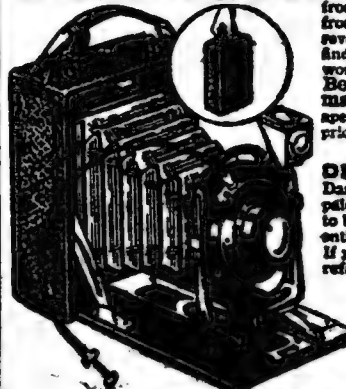
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Of
De Ryghte Honourable Louis Botha,
Sometyne
Pryme Mynifter
Of
Ye Union of South Africa.
Born
Anno Domini 1863
In Natal,
Hee pased thence intoe ye Transvaal,
And in due courfe became
A Boer of note.
Hee became a Member of
Ye fyrst Volksraad of ye Transvaal,
Representyng Vryheid,
And whenne ye Anglo-Boer Warre broke out
Was appoynted Veldt-Cornet for ye same distrikt.
Hee disclosed
Such military prowess and talent
Thatte
Hee was seleckted toe succeed
General Joubert
As
Commander-in-Chief of ye Boer Forces,
Whyche pofte hee helde
Till ye end of ye bloodie warre.
At ye conclusion of peace
Hee visited Englands
And received
An honourable and gratifyng reception,
Soe thatte hee returned to South Africa
Determined toe acquiesce in ye newe order of thynges,
And toe throwe in hys allegiance wythe ye Brityfh.
As a consequence,
Hee was appoynted
Pryme Minifter,
Whyche offyce hee filled wythe such strykyng successe
Thatte hee excyted ye jealousy and hatred
Of
GENERAL HERTZOG,
An irreconcilable Boer of ye most virulent type,
Whoo none the lefs didde notte disdayne
To represente a constituency in ye S.A. Parlyment,
And toe become
Minyfter of Educacion,
Ye whyche offyce hee accepted wythe an ulterior motyve,
Seeyng a chance
Toe make ye Boer Language, or Taal,
Paramount in South Africa,
Toe ye detriment of ye Brityfh.
Butte
General Botha,
Beyng both loyale and honourable,
Checkmated hym,
Ye whyche made General Hertzog madde,
And madder styll
Whenne hee was kicked out of
Ye South African Cabinet.
Thereupon,
General Botha founde itt necessarie toe defend hymselfe
Agaynst ye perfittent attacks of
Hertzog.
Itt was a botha,
Butte hee didde itt successfullie,
Uphelde ye honour of ye Brityfh flagge and of hymself,
And dyed respected and admyred
By ye Empyre
Throughoute ye Worlde.
Though Hertzog shewed hymselfe a hogge,
And caused poore Botha bother,
Hee hadde toe swallow ye strange grogge
Hee mixed for another.

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A Boer of note.
Hee became a Member of
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Reprefentyng Vryheid,
And whenne ye Anglo-Boer Warre broke out
Was appoynted Veldt-Cornet for ye same diftrict.
Hee difclofed
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Whyche pofte hee helde
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Seeyng a chance
Toe make ye Boer Language, or Taal,
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Toe ye detriment of ye Brityfh.
Butte
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Checkmated hym,
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And dyed refpected and admyred
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CORRESPONDENTS desiring INFORMATION should place their questions in CONCISE form and refrain from sending VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS, at any rate until asked for them. The Editor is quite unable to devote the time necessary for perusing and considering the scores of folios which correspondents sometimes send.

For Financial and Insurance Replies, see page 392.

For Sporting Replies, see page 396.

MR. EBENEZER F. BOLT (of Ilford), manager of a large horticultural firm, desires us to state that he is not one of the Bolts referred to in our recent article, "The Case of Balls and Bolts, Unlimited," in regard to the prizes awarded at the Old Ford and North Bow Horticultural Society's Show.

J. H. (Walsall).—As we have frequently explained, we have far too much to do with our own competitions to trouble ourselves about those of our contemporaries.

O. P. (London, N.E.) tells us that he has just left school, after completing a five years' scholarship. As he is seventeen; 5 ft. 9 ins. in height; last year obtained first-class honours in the Junior Oxford Local; has matriculated; possesses a good knowledge of French and a fair acquaintance with German, he naturally looked forward to a successful business career. However, although he has made application to three banks for an appointment he has been unsuccessful, the cause possibly being that his father is but a small tradesman, albeit very respectable. Possibly some of our readers can offer an opening to so promising a youth.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF NEW ZEALAND (London).—Thanks for official printed pufferies of New Zealand, which we regret we do not see our way to use. Try a butter factory.

A. M. (Now Cross Road).—The African Ostrich Farm Co., Ltd., 105 to 109, Oxford Street, W., tell us that they have now traced the postal order you sent them in May last for two feathers. As it has been cashed by a person signing a name entirely unknown to them, it would appear to have been stolen in transit through the post. Despite this, they have, they inform us, sent you the plumes.

F. C. S. (Richmond).—Sending us a page of the *Strand Magazine* containing part of a story by one Talbot Mundy, who makes a recruiting sergeant cogitate concerning one of the characters, "Pretty nearly six feet and over forty round the chest," you ask, "Do I get anything for this?" How should we know?

"OUT OF WORK."—The 'orrible lines you send are not new to us, though you are probably right in saying they have never been published: "Lloyd George no doubt, when his life ebbs out, Will ride on a flaming chariot; Then he'll sit in state on a red-hot plate, 'Twixt the devil and Judas Iscariot," &c. For our part we do not know where or how the Chancellor will sit in any future home in which he is destined to reside.

DAN O'R. (Dublin).—Sorry we can't explain to you "in complete detail the mathematical principles on which the strains and resistances in a hydroplane are calculated." We are not high up in this sort of thing.

"LAZY" (Cardiff).—No doubt "John Bull" cheques would be accepted in lieu of postal orders in connection with our "Bullets" Competition.

"READER" (Melbourne).—Thanks. Have had previous intimation of Councillor Page's resolution at the meeting of the Port Melbourne Labour League: "That this branch of the Political Labour Council send a cablegram to JOHN BULL reading 'Thousands of willing workers unemployed in Melbourne; warn emigrants.'" As you say "We in Melbourne get a high wage, but it is no good when we are not working half our time and the cost of living and clothes is from 50 to 100 per cent. more than in England."

J. A. (Edmondsley).—It does not at all amaze us that you would now be glad to accept "a similar situation as gardener to that you refused in June, 1912." By the time you are as old as we are you will probably have learned that one of the most valuable rules of life is to be quick to hold out both hands for a good thing when it is offered to you.

A. E. P. (Lewisham).—Your complaint that though the L.C.C. announced the name of the successful candidate for the post of Curator at Geoffrey's Museum, Kingsland Road, in their *Gazette* on July 7th, the non-successful applicants were not informed of the fact until July 26th by means of a circular letter dated July 23rd, is reasonable. Mr. Bird, deputy Clerk of the Council, is evidently not a flyer.

L. L. (Buenos Aires).—The criticism of the Buenos Aires *Standard* re a fool-catching ad. in the *Daily Chronicle* as to the prospects in Argentina of British farmers willing to buy lots from the advertiser, is noted. It calls the thing "A Cruel Swindle," and it is probably right. British farmers are accordingly warned to 'ware said ad.

MRS. D. (Poplar).—We agree with your son in Fremantle, Australia, that "people who sell their homes and come out here on spec. are only a lot of mugs." And we verily believe that some of them are cracked.

F. W. (Brixton).—Noted that you have a copy of the *Morning Chronicle* dated 1790. This, however, is not a medium for facilitating the sale of antiques.

C. S. P. (Northwood) points out that Abbott, the Middlesex Pooh-Bah, is not a member of the L.C.C., but of the Middlesex County Council. We congratulate the L.C.C.

C. C. (Bayswater).—If you are wise you will fight shy of the astute Yankee, Hugh McKean, and his precious Universal Mail Order Institute. He is not named Kean for nothing.

"SMITH" (Harrogate).—We note that when you demanded your 2s. deposit back from the British Clothing Club, of Oldham Street, Manchester, they sent you a 6d. handkerchief instead. A delicate stroke of irony, of which we should not have thought them capable.

"A REGULAR READER" (Stratford, E.) tells us that the ancient Chaldeans knew how to beget a son or daughter at will. What of it? Some of us are still capable of begetting a son or daughter at will—and twins by chance.

R. S. S. (Eltham).—Tell your sweetheart to take no notice of the threats of the Great Central Supply Co., Ltd. They are only bluffing.

MRS. N. M. R. (Waverley Park, S.E.).—We have already exposed the bonus tea firm who call themselves A. Cowen and Sons, of 3a, Tiverton Mansions, 140, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

E. W. P. (Ross).—We note that the Royal Art Studio, of Brady Mansions, is still at its old tricks—trying to palm off expensive frames for free photographic enlargements.

T. H. F. (Fishguard) tells us that the Pastor of his local Baptist Chapel, the Rev. Mr. Davies, recently announced from his pulpit the annual Sunday School treat, and advised all the young ladies present to appear in their best bloomers and blouses. The whole town, it appears, "is agog with laughter at his ignorance." What makes "T. H. F." think it is ignorance?

W. S. (W. Hartlepool).—Re our recent paragraph, "The Way they have in the R.N.R." it may be your custom to give a stamped receipt for reservists' retainers, but our original informant was very emphatic that he never got one. Your suggestion that because the reservist has to pay for the stamps, too, such items constitute a "bitter" grievance, strikes us as being a rather cheap gibe at a stout body of men.

"DISGUSTED" (Hull) tells us that the skipper of his ship retails boxes of Sunlight Soap to the crew at 1s. per box, which originally cost him 7d., and asks "Is this meanness or generosity?" We know a better word for it than either of those.

"CURIOUS" (Harrogate).—You ask us where Queenie Gerald is imprisoned. The question is—Is she in prison? Rumours have reached us to the contrary.

"NOT A GIRTON GIRL" (Northampton) writes:—"Please don't worry because there is not husbands enough to go round; some of us don't want one, we would much rather remain unattached." We wish you meant it!

Don't Forget the Pen Coupon on page iii. of cover.

J. H. J. (Colchester).—We have expressed very strong opinions many times in this column of the unconscionable delays of W. Cooper, Ltd., 761, Old Kent Road, in the delivery of goods prepaid by the customers who answer their advertisements.

A. F. G. (Walsall).—Very kind of the clergyman to change you the crossed P.O. you won in "Bullets" when the postmaster was unauthorised to do so.

F. W. M. (Plymouth).—We do not like to give biscuits for foreigners' mistakes in English. Our own experiences on the Continent have taught us sympathy and toleration.

Miss A. S. AND Miss C. R. (Barnet).—You were lured out to Canada as companions and discovered the only situation^s available were as general servants, working from early morn till late at night. It is a dreadfully lonely life, as you say; "No one except those who have experienced it knows what it really is. The poor girl, after she is tired out, will have to wait till all the men have finished smoking and spitting in the 'sitting room,' and then she has to make up her bed and has to sleep in that foul air all through the night. As for the comforts or homely life they say they lead in these homesteads, the pigs over here are on the same footing as the farmer and family over there." Domestic service in these W.C. farming "homesteads" is generally a life of slavery, discomfort, and desolation.

L. P. (Walthamstow) mentions the inhuman practices of a certain firm of blouse makers and asks: "Can we expect girls to turn out good women when they work all the week and receive no wages?" We cannot. But, according to certain speakers at the recent International Medical Congress in London, some of those who are driven to immoral courses "get their own back" on the general community in very deadly fashion.

"SKIPPER" (Ramsgate) is anxious to know "the titles of the dramas running at the Dalston Theatre, London, during August of 1905." We have no curiosity in this regard.

C. G. C. (W.Croydon).—The Salvation Army leader who refused to move on his band when you appealed to him to do so on account of your wife who had recently been confined, we stigmatise a brute. And in trying to turn the tables on you by preaching at you publicly because you were smoking a cigarette, he proved himself an unmitigated pig. It is in small things like this that the true value of a man's "religion" is revealed.

"A SPORTSMAN" (Fife).—Anybody may enter our "Bullets" competitions, even "Scottish readers domiciled in Scotland," provided they conform to the rules and conditions.

J. T. S. (Derby) tells us of a recent wedding at Burton, the name of the bride whereof being Lamb, that of the bridegroom Veal, the best man being a Fox, and one of the guests a Hare, while the clergyman who tied the knot was a Rev. Mr. Rooks. It sounds more like a menagerie than a marriage.

Mrs. A. J. (Stepney, E.).—Although apparently harsh, we daresay the Stepney Guardians acted in what they considered to be your best interests. We are not always the best judges of our mental condition when we are ill through shock, and your temporary confinement may have done you more good than you imagine.

"BRUMME" (Birmingham).—The British South Africa Company, or "Chartered Company," is, of course, perfectly trustworthy, and we believe their police have a very good time of it, all things considered.

A. W. (Portishead).—Don't know anything of the alleged nerve-curer who receives neurasthenics at "Llanberis," Upper Norwood, at a charge of three guineas a week.

G. W. M. (London).—We have already said it is obviously impossible for any one biograph teaching school to find situations for all the students its conductor gets £3 3s. out of, much less for every one of the schools extant to do so. If it was a part of the contract that you were guaranteed a situation when competent, sue the conductor of the school for the return of the fees.

J. A. O. (Dublin).—We dealt with the subject of your letter in our "Unconventional Thoughts" in JOHN BULL of August 16th.

X. Y. Z. (Woolwich) informs us that the stokers employed at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, are paid 28s. per week for 84 hours' work, "which works out at 4d. per hour." The persons responsible for the payment of such low wages are themselves qualifying for the job of stoker in the nethermost pit.

"SMOKER" (Swansea).—It is cowardly of you to suggest such disgusting things of Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills under cover of anonymity, and in the circumstances we are inclined to think our proper course is to forward your letter to them, so that your handwriting may be traced. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

"WELL-WISHER" (Dublin).—Yes, upon a few occasions the two efforts on one sixpenny coupon have both secured prizes. Go in and win!

A. A. V. (St. Ives).—Certainly high-handed for the Police Superintendent to issue a summons for neglect to take out a dog-licence after it had been obtained by your friend, and then decline to withdraw it until the matter had gone into Court. We suppose the idea was to teach him not to lose his memory next time.

D. M. (Cork).—The post of Poet Laureate is now filled. Any way, of all the poems wherewith we're cursed, we frankly state yours is the worst.

H. B. (Reading).—So you have had dealings with the Royal Furnishing Co., of 330, Essex Road "Ball's Pond end" London, N., who advertise that they will supply £5 worth of furniture for 4s. down and the balance in small weekly sums, and after paying the deposit you were duly informed that your application could not be entertained, as inquiries made by the firm's local representative (in Berkshire) were not satisfactory, but that you might select from the catalogue goods to the value of the 5s. already paid. Why don't you study your JOHN BULL better? Tell them you have written to us.

"BUTLER" (Cadogan Place) sends us a bullying letter from Mrs. Hunt's Registry Office demanding payment for securing him a situation, and threatening not only County Court proceedings but also to inform his employers. We have frequently protested against such methods.

J. K. (London).—We are too busy with our own competitions to bother about one of our contemporaries, which offers a prize of 10s. for an essay, not exceeding 600 words, on the "Interpretation of Robespierre's Character in Carlyle's 'French Revolution.'"

"DICK TURPENTINE" (Whitechapel).—Sorry to hear you had the misfortune to be arrested in Northwich as a desperate criminal from Blackburn. Surely the detective was able to distinguish your English from "Lancashire."

W. H. (Kentish Town).—The trick of selling brass articles of jewellery as gold is a common one among low-down jewellers and the Crown Emporium, Ltd. (The London Goldsmiths' Company), 124, Oxford Street, W., are in that category. People who buy goods as gold should be careful to see that they are so invoiced. We shall keep a sharp eye on the firm you name. Did you see our recent paragraph?

J. B. (Leiston).—It is hereby noted that you also are out of pocket 6s. 7d. through the holeproof man's trousers. "They are no use as they are not made to measure," you complain, and yet you cannot get your money back. In that case there is apparently only one alternative. Cut 'em down if they are too big, and stretch 'em if they are too small.

Mr. T. H. DENT, Chairman of the Preston Cage Bird Society, writes to say that the firm to which we directed our criticisms in the article on Bird Fanciers are not fanciers but dealers, but that he agrees with what we say and will bring the matter up for discussion at the next meeting of the society. We, however, adopted the people's own description of themselves.

B. S. (Inverleithen) writes: "Dear Mr. Bull paiper I told Mr. Vicars but he got four already two of them die since and my prize cheap fore for 10 shillings pulets garanteed so he was had bad m yons are live still and hes dead so what you think he any reason to say dam me I told Mr. Vicars I write you for libell and cost him five hundred pulets Amt I rite." Sorry; we don't understand Gaelic.

G. S. (Canning Town, E.) tells us that, thanks to our recent exposure of the Cash Deposit Fraud (situations offered contingent on a sum of money being deposited at interest), he has been saved £25. Then we have not lived in vain.

G. H. (Abergavenny).—Votes for Women is only a question of time, but in our opinion that time isn't yet. The crank-hursts have set the clock back.

F. P. (Holloway).—Advt. from Stage received with thanks. "Wanted for portable variety theatre, Lady to share lead and Responsible Man. Turns. Photos." People don't always get what they want in this world, and probably not in the next.

J. O'G. (Belfast).—Re the "Find in a Galway Bog," reported by the *Irish Independent*, "at the points A and B," it says, "there are two holes to which handle was attached." "How the deuce can a handle be attached to a hole?" We will think about it in the light of the question whether a stocking can consist of a lot of holes sewn together.

E. M. (Upper Holloway).—Pay the Anglo-American Dentistry, of 27C, Seven Sisters Road N., half the amount for the set, as requested, and if the teeth are not then forthcoming, write us again. We can imagine nothing more annoying than to be "bitten" by a dentist.

"WESTRALIAN READER" (W. Australia).—We have read the account published in the *Fremantle Daily News* of the miseries endured by the emigrants on board the s.s. *Belgic* from Cape Town to Fremantle. Another phase of the Emigration Lie.

(A large number of replies are held over.)

Don't delay your Football Entries. Second Coupon this week.

Bull's Eyes.

NOTES OF INTERROGATION :—

Is the Panama Canal really "opened" ?
 Is the Somaliland Mullah to have his "deserts" ?
 Has Lord Murray "struck oil" for himself only ?
 Do they call him "Would-row" Wilson in Mexico ?
 Isn't the present railway system a "signal" failure ?
 Isn't there rather too much "Larkin" in Dublin ?
 Wasn't Winston Churchill always a "bit of a flyer" ?
 Isn't King Manoel just as glad to be only half-a-sovereign ?
 Shouldn't the American Press be grateful to Harry Thaw ?
 Isn't the "Dartmoor shepherd" too fond of the "crooked" way ?
 Do you know what a few strokes with a pen may bring you ?
 See page 387.

FUTILE ENQUIRIES :—

Asking a woman if she can keep a secret.
 Asking a young lady if she likes milk chocolate.
 Asking the nature of the task when father works late.
 A tramp enquiring the price of a luncheon basket.
 Asking a clerk on Friday if he has change for a sovereign.
 Asking the suburban gardener how the orchids are progressing.
 Asking the time, when the clerks begin brushing their clothes.
 A draper's assistant asking the price per dozen of champagne.
 Asking a parson for particulars of the Sunday League excursions.

INANIMATE CONJURERS :—

A ship when it turns turtle.
 A key when it lets a lawyer in.
 A tack when it produces hops.
 Yeast when it raises "cottages."
 A stocking when it reveals a calf.
 A miner's axe when it picks nuts.
 A ball constantly making new rolls.
 A whip when it makes the horse fly.
 A balance-sheet revealing a turnover.
 Ice when it makes a crowd of slippers.
 A taxi-cab making a dark night fare.
 A shilling bringing up a dozen coppers.
 A wedding ring when it makes two one.
 A hammer when it drives the nail home.
 A cricket bat producing a couple of ducks.
 An express when it makes a station vanish.
 A cigarette when it draws well and produces rings.

There is a compositor at Tiptree only 3 ft. high. A small type.

A village in Suffolk has a fire engine seventy years old. Played out.

Opals are no longer considered unlucky—except by those who have none.

Augur won a race at Stockton. And without "boring" apparently.

"Monuments to Liars," says a heading. A change from lies on monuments.

The cat that saved nine lives the other day we suppose now possesses eighteen.

Although London is suffering from a fish famine, there is still a good supply of cod.

The continual Thaw. Even in the autumn a frost would be welcome—to stop this Thaw.

Ancient birds had teeth, we are told. But we know a few beaks to-day who can chew.

A Flying Feast—A waterplane, Sopwith Pickles, a roll or two, dripping, and hard cheese.

Suit cases are becoming popular with women. Not breach-of-promise suit cases, we hope.

We hear of washable bank-notes. But thousands are wiped out every day with the balance-sheets.

A game of chess recently took over a week to finish. But it has taken months to checkmate Turkey.

"Lady Bather enjoying a Cigarette," is the title of a snapshot. Judging by the crowd, it appeared to draw well.

Motor prison vans will be seen in London shortly. All the occupants will, of course, have exceeded the limit.

"It's good to hear the dinner gong, isn't it?" remarked one boarder. "Yes," assented the other; "tray bang!"

It is said that the way to make friends with a Spaniard is to offer him a cigar. Surely much depends on the cigar.

"A husband may slap his wife out of affection for her"—is the gospel according to Luke, the Willesden magistrate.

The Berlin police have ordered female circus riders to wear aprons. They are now afraid of being mistaken for bishops.

It is usual now to have photographs taken with the eyes closed. But a woman's negative will often be an eye opener.

John Roberts, retiring from billiards, has presented his favourite cue to Tom Reece. A few tips would also be welcome.

The French War Office proposes to train dogs to carry ammunition. Awkward if they "go off" during an engagement.

The Birmingham man who cut his throat because he didn't like hot weather was evidently quite confident about his future state.

Worshippers attending men's services at a church in Essex are invited to smoke. But churchwardens are common at all services.

At the meeting of the British Association scientists are to discuss the sequel to life. But do they understand the first volume?

"The modern housebreaker is respectable-looking," says a detective. Yes, but he studies disappearances more than appearances.

"Death of a man from Buncrana"—*Irish Weekly Independent* heading. Strange that this disease was not mentioned during the Medical Congress.

Eighty million gallons of petrol were used in the United Kingdom last year. Some owners on seeing their bills think their chauffeurs must have used most of it.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien says Sir E. Carson would accept Home Rule under another name. This is probable when we remember all the other names Sir Edward has been giving it.

Lady Griselda Cheape says good women and children are among the silent missionaries of this life. Lady Griselda ought to hear the silence of the good woman and children next door.

The Select Committee on Post Office Servants are convinced that the public could not be induced to cease from offering Christmas boxes. It is really too bad of the public to worry the postmen like this.

Mr. Gatty Sellars has completed a twenty-five months' tour of America, during which he travelled 75,000 miles and gave 500 organ recitals. Not bad travelling considering all the "stops" he encountered.

Speaking of fruit, the *Daily Telegraph* says: "Quite a useful member of the orange family at this time of year is the naartje, or South African mandarine." We understand they are a favourite fruit of the Chinese Tangarines.

HISTORICAL WELLERISMS :—

"D—those laundry thieves," as King John said when he lost a crown in the Wash.

"I'll make Antony mend his ways," as Cleopatra said when she got the needle.

"I'm afraid I've lost the French Special," as Napoleon said at Waterloo.

"I live for my tub," as Diogenes said, when he tapped the barrel.

"The King beats the Knave," as Charles II. said as he ascended the throne.

"I cipher fame, if it is only gammon," as Bacon said when he thought of Shakespeare.

"This will be an Exchange long after our number's up," as the Romans said when they built London Wall.

"If I'm not careful I shall lose my head over Liz," as Sir Walter Raleigh said as he kissed the Queen's hand.

Winners of Our Final Cricket Contest. See page 365.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES NOW. SECOND COUPON

£1,750 This Time!

FOR ALL FORECASTS CORRECT

AT LEAST

NO FEES, NO COALS

This is the second week of our Great Football Skill contest No. 2. This time we offer the mammoth cash prize of £1,750, with huge cash contingent prizes of £500 and £100, as well as a special £50 "mauve" coupon prize. Thus, at least £650 must be won—the biggest Football Prize offer made by any paper. Now is a good time to enter. The second coupon appears this week.

£650 MUST BE WON

Our Football contests give our readers the advantage not only of the Biggest Football Prizes, but a system of judging that is perfect. At enormous expense we have set up an organisation that assures every entrance form being carefully scrutinised by an expert competition staff. All risk of coupons being overlooked is eliminated, and fraud rendered utterly impossible.

£500

FOR NEAREST FORECASTS SHORT OF FULL NUMBER.
(Must be won.)

£100

FOR NEXT HIGHEST CORRECT.
(Must be won.)

£50

FOR A MAUVE COUPON.
(Must be won.)

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

is to forecast the results of the League Games to be played on **Saturday, September 27th**, given on the Entrance Form on page 2 of our cover. Draw your pen plainly through the name of the team you think will lose. If you predict a draw, do not cross out either team.

£1,750 will be paid to the Competitor sending us an Entrance Form containing correct forecasts of all the matches given, played to a finish, even if THE NUMBER BE ONLY 8 OR 10.

Abandoned Matches make No Difference.

In the event of no Entrance Form being received giving the whole of the correct results

£500 IN CASH

will be paid to the competitor giving most correct forecasts short of the full number. We shall also pay the sum of

£100 IN CASH

to the Competitor sending the next highest number of correct forecasts, and **£50 in cash** will be paid to the lady sending in most correct forecasts on a *mauve* coupon taken from *Mary Bull*. Should it happen that the first prize of £1,750 be not won, we shall, in any event, still award the £500 as well as the £100, and the £50 *Mary Bull* *mauve* coupon prize. Thus

£650 MUST BE WON.

YOU CAN SEND AS MANY ENTRIES AS YOU LIKE, and any number can be enclosed in the same envelope, but every coupon must be signed by the person making the forecasts.

The competition is one of pure skill, and competitors should make a point of studying the football columns of the daily papers.

Our system of checking the Entrance Forms of competitors is as perfect as human ingenuity can make it. Fraud is rendered absolutely impossible, whilst all risk of a coupon being overlooked is, by our elaborate arrangements, totally eliminated.

The RULES and
COUPON

will be found

on

PAGE 2 of COVER.

£50 FOR A "MAUVE" COUPON.

We again offer a Special Prize for lady competitors. The sum of £50 will be paid to the lady sending more correct forecasts than any other lady competitor, *providing the entrance form is a "mauve" one taken from "Mary Bull."* This is a distinct and additional prize. By using a "mauve" coupon lady competitors have the same opportunity as JOHN BULL competitors of winning the £1,750, or the £500 and £100; but in addition a "mauve" coupon means you have the opportunity of winning an extra £50 prize. The second "mauve" coupon will be found in *Mary Bull*, on sale Friday, September 12th. Our readers should take advantage of this special £50 prize offer for a "mauve" coupon signed by a lady.

THE BIGGEST FOOTBALL PRIZE OFFER MADE BY ANY PAPER.

After you have filled up your entries for this competition, turn to page 394, where you will find particulars of "Bullets," a simple and attractive Competition which you should not fail to enter. A first prize of £500 in cash is offered this week, in addition to more than 5,000 cash and other valuable prizes.

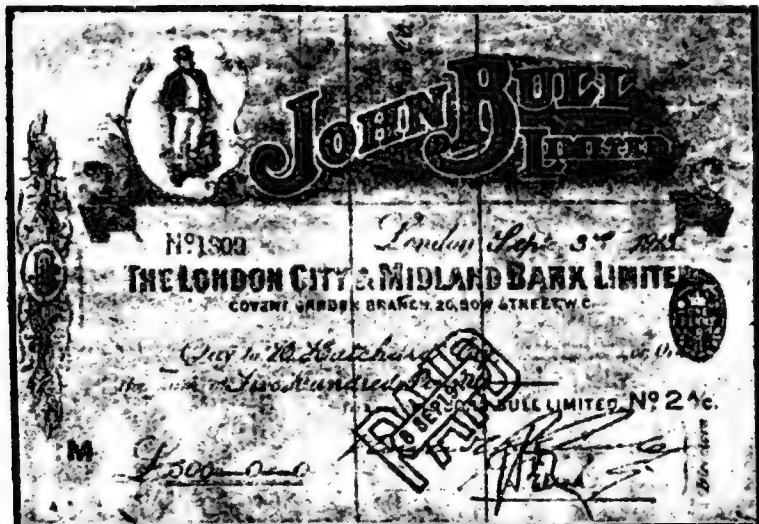
THE "JOHN BULL" FOOTBALL CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

Readers desiring particulars MUST write direct to Messrs. SMALLMAN & TERRY, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

OUR 46TH "BULLETS" COMPETITION.

WESTGATE-ON-SEA VISITOR WINS £500.

Mr. A. Hatchard, of "Belair," Westgate-on-Sea, the winner of the £500 prize in our 46th "Bullets" competition, says that on first looking over the published prize lines he was at once struck by the high average of excellence they displayed. He says he had long been greatly disappointed with the palpable attempts made elsewhere to "reap in the stiff 'uns" by printing efforts which must have been as obviously feeble to the "judges" as to the unhappy "also rans." In "Bullets," however, he could clearly see that this dubious policy was not in favour, and accordingly he entered the competition with the



feeling that he had at last found a good chance for a good line. Mr. Hatchard is secretary to a well-known gentleman, and his fairly heavy duties provide him with what he describes as a "good living wage," but naturally the great prize is a most welcome windfall. He, however, kindly devotes £25 to our "Human Document" Fund.

The original of the above cheque will be displayed in the window of Mr. I. Venis, The Library, Westgate-on-Sea, until September 13th, and afterwards at the premises of Mr. A. E. Bowen, 53a, King Street, Margate.

THE "JOHN BULL" FOOTBALL CUP SWEEP.

A representative of this journal paid a flying visit to Geneva last week for the purpose of obtaining at first hand information as to the progress of this important sporting event. Our readers are aware that its conduct and management are in the hands of Messrs. Smallman and Terry, a firm of the highest integrity. On arrival, our representative was shown over their extensive offices, and noted with interest the discipline and organisation which were apparent in every department. "Now, Mr. Terry," he said, "what are the prospects of the JOHN BULL Football Cup Sweep?" "Well," replied Mr. Terry, "I think we shall have the most successful sweep ever conducted—not excluding the JOHN BULL Derby Sweep of a few months ago." "Yes," added Mr. Smallman, "I think it will be a big thing, but in any case we are guaranteeing the £15,000 prize money in full, not forgetting also the £1,500 for English charities." "What we are so anxious to see," said Mr. Terry, "are the 'crooks' in the sweepstake business stamped out. They not only swindle the British public with impunity but cast a certain amount of undeserved suspicion upon those firms which conduct their business honestly, but which are obliged to carry out their operations from abroad owing to the stupid laws at present in force in Great Britain. But JOHN BULL has done a lot of good, and we are delighted to have the opportunity of associating ourselves with it. You may assure your readers that we shall leave no stone unturned to see that everything connected with the JOHN BULL Football Sweep is conducted straight and above board." Our representative left, fully convinced that if organisation, combined with business rectitude, can command success, that of the JOHN BULL Football Cup Sweep is already assured. We may again make it clear, however, that all communications respecting the project, and all applications for tickets, must be sent direct to Messrs. Smallman and Terry, Geneva, Switzerland, and that we cannot act in any way as agents in the matter.

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The following correct claims have been received:—

Mr. E. W. BAKER, 17, Gresham Road, Upper Holloway. August 23rd. No. 513,651.
Mr. W. J. ALLEN, 106, Kempe Road, Kensal Rise, N.W. August 23rd. No. 121,424.
Mr. A. WOOD, 20, Jesbia Road, Clapton. August 23rd. No. 146,942.
Mr. H. B. DAWSON, 14, Gibson Terrace, Darlington. August 23rd. No. 153,840.
Pte. P. OOOKE, "E." Coy., East Yorkshire Regt., Fyzabad, India. May 31st. No. 699,207.
Mr. WM. TRIVILLION, 57, Broxholme Lane, Doncaster. August 23rd. No. 136,137.
Mr. FRANK CURRAN, 21, Derby Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne. August 23rd. No. 717,770.

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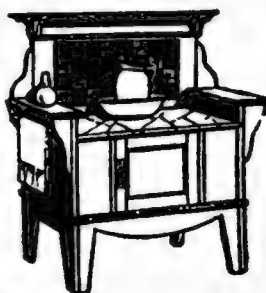


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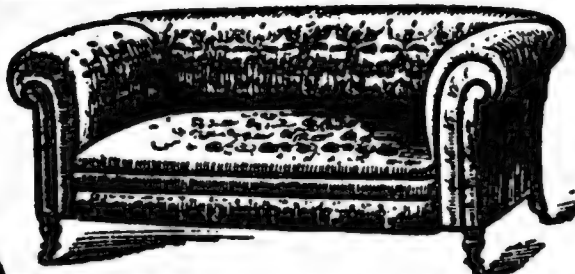
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CITY NOTES.

[For Financial and Insurance Letter Box, see page 392.]

The Stock Markets.

The feature in the Stock Markets has been the sudden revival in Kaffirs and Rhodesians. In the case of the former, the keynote was struck by Goldfields, which company is said to have pulled off a big American deal. As regards Rhodesians, there is no doubt that we shall see a strong revival in Chartered and other leading land descriptions. Coppers and other base metal sections continue in good form, with strong Paris support for Rio Tinto on favourable dividend forecasts. A movement is afoot in connection with the Zinc Corporation, and a dividend of 45 per cent. on the ordinary shares is foreshadowed for the current year. The general markets have remained in a moribund condition, and even Consols and some of the gilt-edged securities have lost their bloom, owing to rumours of some big new gilt-edged issue being on the board. On the other hand, the political situation now ceases from troubling either this or the market for foreign securities. Home Rails have been adversely affected by the Midland accident and by vague fears that some time or other there might be another outbreak of labour troubles. The Wall Street Bulls of American Rails are finding their load increasingly difficult to carry, as the public will not come in owing to the precarious crop outlook. Canadian Pacifics have been strengthened by the favourable harvest reports, but the outstanding feature here is the strength of Grand Trunks, on the rapprochement between the Company and the Dominion Government. The whole of the Mexican group remains in a very unsettled condition, which is not surprising in view of the involved outlook in Mexico, the weakest stocks being Mexican National and Inter-oceanic of Mexico issues. In Oil shares there have been various features, both good and bad. Amongst the former Ural Caspians have stood out most prominently, on rumours, which have still to be confirmed, of a share bonus. Our warning not to heed the rumours with regard to the Shell acquiring properties, such as the Lobitos, Lagunitos, and Kern River, has been justified by events, and all these shares are down now. At the same time, the Oil share market, upon the whole, still promises well in activity and strength. By the way, the Mount Elliott has given rise to some lively movements again during the week, but there has again been another attack upon the shares, which seems to foreshadow some further unpleasant development in the near future.

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We take the following advertisement from a financial daily:—

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The Cinema Craze.

During the first half of this year no fewer than 286 new picture-theatre companies, having an aggregate nominal capital of £1,561,000, were registered. Few have appealed to the public for subscription by means of prospectuses, and hardly one was created for the purpose of carrying on business in London. But promoters do not go to all the trouble and expense of forming joint-stock companies without expecting some return from people whom they are able to circularise, and, having regard to the efforts that have been made to prevent newspapers criticising these projects, and to the fact that hardly a village is not already fully supplied with picture-theatres, we can but repeat the warnings so frequently sounded in these columns against taking shares in these companies without fully investigating their merits—if any.

The Ivory Coast Corporation.

In our issue of March 1 we went as fully as space permitted into the affairs of this Goodlet, Fairbairn and Berry promotion, which, admittedly, has falsified every one of the promises made in its prospectus. It will be recalled that we announced at the time that the vendors had made unconditional restitution of one-half of the shares allotted to them, and that the previous owners had offered, conditionally, to surrender one-half of the shares they had received. From a report of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Company it appears that the negotiations with the latter have fallen through; but nothing was apparently mentioned by the directors as to making them disgorge a share of the spoil, without any conditions, as the vendors have done. We note, also, that after the resolution to pass the directors' report and balance-sheet had been moved and seconded, "some discussion followed, in the course of which Mr. Moore, after some criticisms on the position of affairs, suggested that the Company should be wound up." No information is vouchsafed to shareholders—whose money pays for the insertion of the reports of the meeting—of what these "criticisms on the position of affairs" consisted; they are thus left completely in the dark as to their nature. The chairman, in reply, so the report runs, whilst admitting that certain of Mr. Moore's criticisms were well founded, deprecated liquidation and held out prospects of the property being found rich in minerals. We believe the chairman's optimism is entirely misplaced, and venture to prophesy that at no time will the Company be able to justify its existence. A call on the shares was foreshadowed, and we would press upon shareholders the importance of their combining to challenge the statements in the prospectus by instituting actions for rectification of the register so far as they are concerned. They should thus be able to recover what they have already paid, and save paying any further calls either to the directors, or, when the Company is wound up, to the liquidator.

Prospectus Promises and Performances.

Another rubber company, formed during the late boom, which invites comparison between its prospectus promises and its performances is the Besoeki Plantations, which was floated upon the strength of estimates showing a profit of £13,000 for 1900, £15,100 for 1911, and £24,250 for 1912. Its performances have been a loss of £5,575 for 1910, of £6,861 for 1911; a profit of £682 being made for 1912. Thus the aggregate profits according to the prospectus for the three years were to be £52,350, whereas the actual loss for the period was £11,754. Mr. C. A. Koning, the managing director and vendor, was interested in the purchase price to the extent of just under nine-tenths. The company was formed to acquire the shares of six Netherland Indian companies, which were going concerns at the time, so that miscalculations in the prospectus are less pardonable than they would have been had the concern been formed to cultivate virgin ground.

The City Man as Author.

Our admiration goes out to the contribution which appears in a Berlin weekly from the pen of Mr. J. W. Vickers, the head of one of the most prominent and respected firms of advertising agents in Great Britain. Mr. Vickers, whose firm has an honourable record of half-a-century, has chosen for his theme the genesis of joint-stock companies, and as he has been behind the scenes of the majority of the best-class promotions, he writes with rare authority on the subject. His article should be widely read over here. We regret that want of space prevents us from quoting many of the arguments which he tenders in favour of the widest publicity being given to the aims of new enterprises—sound sense—and good business!

Locking the Stable Door.

It was mentioned in the Bankruptcy Court the other day that a warrant had been obtained for the arrest of William Elliott Delaney, alias the Systematic Investment Company, on a charge of obtaining money by fraud, but that it had not been possible to execute it. We have been exposing this man for months past, and it would be interesting to learn from the authorities why earlier steps were not taken to lay him by the heels. There are several other City sharks on the Continent just now who should never have been permitted to leave the country; but no one seems anxious to bring them back again to stand their trial.

Don't forget the Pen Coupon. See page iii. of cover.

The HOLIDAYS



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A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial or Insurance Enquiry.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN TOBACCO Co.—F. D. (Bournemouth).—We have no recent information respecting this concern.

CHANNEL COAST AND MEDITERRANEAN FREEHOLD RESORTS.—G. A. J. (Limerick).—We know of no market in these shares, but suggest you should communicate with the secretary of the company, who may be able to find you a purchaser.

CALICO PRINTERS.—A. J. G. (Swansea).—The decline in Calico Printers is due to the dividend disappointment, and there is little or no prospect of an improvement for some time to come. You can do better in other industrials, for instance, Vickers at about 35s.4d.

UNQUOTED SECURITIES.—F. O. (Rotherham).—(1). No information is available respecting L. Smith and Co., Derby, or (3). Park Foundry Debentures. (2). Trent Navigation Debentures receive their dividend, but are not officially quoted. (4). The same applies to Warwicks and Richardson's Preferreds. Therefore, if you wish to sell any of these stocks you can do so only by private negotiation, and not in the market in the ordinary way.

JOHN BULL BANK.—CURIOUS.—"How can it be 'as safe as the Bank of England'?" Because it is managed with equal caution—and more brains!—T. S. S. (London).—You will be absolutely safe in opening a deposit account.—R. J. S. (Leeds).—We have no doubt that the loan can be arranged if you have stated the facts correctly.—W. W. R. (Leicester).—Yes, the bank undertakes the purchase and sale of shares.—DRAFTER.—We have no hesitation in advising you to open a current account. The bank is conducted on sound and progressive lines and offers just such facilities as you appear to require.

BUENOS AYRES ELECTRICITY.—E. W. (Bradford).—We must confess that, apart from questions of intrinsic merit, we are not predisposed in favour of companies holding concessions in foreign cities, in the light of latest experiences with the Cuban Ports, etc. This company is, in itself, a promising concern, but bondholders and others interested in it have to take the risk of expropriation, should it ever suit the purposes of the municipality to resort to such a step. In these circumstances we prefer home investments, or foreign ones which are a direct obligation of the Governments concerned.

INCOME AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION.—WHARFCLIFFE.—This is a bucket shop with a high-sounding title, against which we have already warned our readers. Those people who expect to gain 100 per cent. in such transactions deserve to lose their money. Place your £400 in the following 5 per cent. yielding securities:—South Eastern Railway 6 per cent. Preferred, at 117; and Vickers Third Mort. 5 per cent. Debentures at 106.

PREMIER OIL: BAKU.—PIPELINE (Belfast).—The fall in Premier Oil and Pipeline has discounted the passing of the dividend, and the shares should be held for a recovery. The Baku Petroleum is doing better, and these shares should also be kept for the present.

STANDARD CANADIAN INVESTMENTS.—M. S. (Tooting).—We do not advise investment with these people. *Re Tobacco Company*, see reply to F. D. (Bournemouth).

SCALE OF CHARGES.—T. J. A. (Reading).—The commissions, of course, depend upon the value and class of security, and have been fixed at a minimum scale. If you wish it, we shall be pleased to place you in communication with a broker who will give you all the necessary information upon the matter.

JAMAICA COPRA ESTATES.—SALLY.—We understand this to be a thoroughly respectable concern, and hope to have special information respecting the project shortly.

MEDICINE HAT FREEHOLDS.—A. G. (Maida Vale).—We think this scheme most appropriately named, as anyone subscribing to it would certainly require a course of medicine for the benefit of what he carries under his hat.

CREDIT FONCIER OF MAURITIUS.—READER, G.—Presuming that you hold the 4½ per cent. first debentures, the fact that these stand at only 76 shows that investors do not hold a very high opinion of them, and you might take an early opportunity of reducing your holding, or of selling out altogether. The following is a selection of 5 to 6 per cent. yielding investments:—Bovril 5½ per cent. preferreds at 21s. 3d., Furness Withy 5 per cent. preferreds at 18s., Maypole Dairy 20 per cent. cumulative preferred 5s. shares at 18s. 3d., Van Den Berghs B 6 per cent. preferreds at 22s.

HAMBURG STATE LOTTERY (PAUL GOLDENBURG, Hamburg).—CONSTANT READER.—See reply to W. T. L. (Cheam). It would be interesting to know the exact financial interest of these touting firms of ticket agents, who must spend huge sums in printing and posting—certainly not for the benefit of the British public. In the circumstances, we do not advise you to send any more money to them.

HAMBURG LOTTERY.—PLUNGER.—The lottery itself is perfectly genuine, but we have no special information in regard to the standing of the firm you mention.

ROYAL HUNGARIAN LOTTERY (GORZO AND CO.).—W. T. L. (Cheam) AND OTHERS.—Whilst the lottery itself is genuine, we are not in a position to advise our readers to purchase tickets through the firm mentioned.

CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES.—W. F. M. (Glasgow).—You will be quite safe in dealing with either the Sun Life of Canada or the Canada Life Assurance Co. They are both of good standing and reliable, offering policies of an up-to-date and generous character.

BUILDING SOCIETY.—M. E. J. (Wembley).—Send us any documents you hold.

INSURANCE POLICIES.—SELICK (Devonport).—The money was apparently paid over by the Insurance Company in good faith, believing that your father had not made a Will, as they were so informed by the claimant. This, however, may not exonerate them, although they would have a claim against the receiver of the money. We think you had better place the facts before them and ask what they advise should be done in the circumstances which have come to your knowledge.

IDEAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.—F. G. B. (Chatham).—We do not recommend this institution, which seems to have "too many irons in the fire."

PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF LONDON.—F. B. (Bishop's Castle).—We will look into the documents you send us.

BRITISH IMPERIAL FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—T. W. (Argoed).—The difference between the sum assured and that offered has arisen, we understand, owing to the life assured being older than the age described in the proposal form. If this is so, the Company is adopting the customary method in regulating the sum assured according to the correct age at entry. We should recommend you, in the circumstances, to accept the £17 8s. in full settlement.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.—T. C. (Liverpool).—The question as to whether panel doctors are limited to a certain number of drugs from which to prescribe for State insured persons is a matter, as you properly point out, which should be fully cleared up in the interests of the working classes.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE Co.—J. K. (Mundesley).—If you are able to prove that your wife acted in the authority of the agent, we are of opinion that you would be successful in the enforcement of your claim. Consult a solicitor.

REFUGEE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—M. E. M. (Wimbledon Park).—We have repeatedly called attention to the one-sided character of these Industrial Policies, which make no provision in their conditions for payment of a Cash Surrender Value or the issue of a Free Paid-up Policy. If the Company will not extend to you the consideration you have asked, all you can do is to keep on paying, or the 28 years' premiums will be forfeited. It is shameful that you should be placed in this position, but, like thousands of others, you are helpless. You had better make sure that in the event of your father's death the Company will recognise you as the legal claimant.

LONDON, EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW INSURANCE Co.—ONE AND ALL.—You hold a Policy for £13 16s., and have paid in premiums £14 12s. A claim having arisen, £7 16s. is offered in settlement. The "sum assured" is regulated according to age, and if you are satisfied that incorrect information was given you, you should accept the ruling of the Company on this point, and close with their offer. The Company could plead that in writing answers on the proposal form the agent acted on your behalf, and not theirs.

IMPERIAL FREE HOMES.—R. T. O. (Sheffield).—This bond company was not a success and we note that it was recently incorporated with the National Standard Insurance Company. Your friend holds a bond certificate for £800, and has contributed for six years, paying an annual premium of £22. The object he had in view was the purchase of a house, but he has failed, you say, to elicit a definite reply as to the loan. Let us know if application for an advance has been made on a house, particulars of which have been given, and what reply has been made by the company. The prospectus states that after five years, surrender values, "which have been calculated upon a very liberal scale," will appear on the certificate. You should, therefore, be able to obtain definite information on this point on referring to the certificate conditions.

NATIONAL BENEFIT LIFE AND PROPERTY ASSURANCE Co.—E. M. L. (Doncaster).—You hold a Bond Investment Certificate in this company and have paid in subscriptions £9 15s. These bonds are issued for a fixed number of years and the subscriptions payable thereunder are not withdrawable at will, and the agent had no authority to make the representation which you allege he did make. Unless, therefore, the premiums are continued the bond will lapse and the subscriptions become forfeited. We think the best course for you to pursue is to apply for one of their Endowment Assurance Policies maturing at a given age, provided they will add the amount of the bond subscription to the sum assured.

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INSURANCE Co.—F. J. H. (Sheffield).—You may continue the premium payments. Established in 1887, the company has made fair progress. The principal point to be considered is the relatively high cost of conducting the business, which, of course, operates against the surplus remaining for distribution among the participating policyholders. We note your complaint that the agents are being continually changed and that you are not kept posted respecting the progress of the office. Perhaps those at the "Head Office for Great Britain" will take the hint.

INSURANCE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

Owing to the enormous number of enquiries we receive on Insurance matters, our readers will appreciate the difficulty which confronts us in giving prompt replies. Indeed, the congestion has become so great that we have decided to depart from the rule we have hitherto observed of replying only through this column, and to answer by post. Correspondents, therefore, who fail to find replies to their enquiries on this page may expect to hear from us by letter with as little delay as possible.

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Name of Horse.	Ticket No.	Purchaser's Name and Address.
Addenda	A 24615	H. Jones, 13a, Lawrence Street, Workington Cumberland.
Aghdoo	B 28302	L. A. Pilgrim, 31, Plympton Road, Brondesbury, N.W.
Anmer	E 70218	A. Newell, 28, Gordon Road, Southend-on-Sea
Arda	F 46315	Wm. McCarthy, 12, English Grounds, Tooley Street, S.E.
Bachelor's Wedding	B 44683	A. Lansdowne, 165, Hill Lane, Southampton.
Birlingham	F 04402	G. Joint, Blackadon, near Ivybridge, Devon.
Canilever ..	F 10794	Wm. Sanderson, 36, Southampton Street, Bedford Place, Southampton.

Name of Horse.	Ticket No.	Purchaser's Name and Address.
Harry of Hereford	E 53838	C. Blighton, 18, Frinton Road, East Ham, E.
Jameson	B 61961	Mrs. E. Bridger, 50, Dartmouth Road, Brondesbury, N.W.
Louvois	F 37744	A. Ebert, 17, Farrant Street, Queen's Park London, W.
Night Hawk	B 04900	G. W. Webb, Market Place Chambers, Reading
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NO CHOICE LEFT
LOOKING BACKWARD
A GOOD TEACHER
STRIKING ATTITUDE
A S B E THING
MOST UNBECOMING
PROMISE TO PAY
 MY GRIEVANCE
A BIG GATE
HANDSOME PRIZE
POETIC JUSTICE
OVER THE BAR
LANE EXCUSE
TURNED HIS GREY
DRESS OPTIONAL
 PERFECT LADY
REAPING THE HARVEST
ARRESTS ATTENTION
ON TOUR
ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN
TEMPORARY INSANITY
PULLED UP SHARP
THE CHAMPIONS
 ON THE ROAD
SLIPPERY CUSTOMER
A SCREAMING FARGE
HANDS OFF
A HACKNEYED SUBJECT
NOAH'S ARK
STRAINED RELATIONS
SLIDING SCALE

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more Prizes weekly
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HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST and LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are selected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you take the example "A GOOD TEACHER" and take the letters "A" and "G," using the word "Seldom" as the middle word, you can make the Bullet "CHILDREN SELDOM APPRECIATE." Or from the example "PROMISE TO PAY the Bullet "GIVEN MADE" can be formed. Again if you take the example "MY GRIEVANCE," using the letter "G" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the Bullet "GROWS WITH GRUMBLING."

Competitors may send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence. But if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

Competitors who have already won any prizes, large or small, in this competition are in no way debarred from winning again.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Competitors can see The "Bullets" Judges at work at any time.

No element of chance enters into the adjudication of our "Bullets" Competition. Every coupon is judged by TWO DIFFERENT Members of our special staff of Adjudicators, who have been selected by reason of their high qualification for this work. This staff put aside all coupons which they consider sufficiently meritorious to qualify for a prize. So that, before any coupon is rejected, TWO DIFFERENT Judges have to decide that it is not of sufficient merit to receive a prize. Then, all coupons selected are considered by the Competition Editor in consultation with the Judges. In this manner the coupons are reduced in number to correspond with the total number of prizes to be awarded. The Competition Editor, again in consultation with the Judges, next selects all the lines of outstanding merit. These are placed before the Editor, who, after consultation, decides finally the order of merit. This system of judging keeps a large staff of Adjudicators continually occupied the whole of the week—so thoroughly is the work done. We would point out that, by this system of judging, no award is decided arbitrarily by one mind. It is only after a line has been considered sufficiently meritorious by a BODY OF JUDGES IN CONSULTATION, all of whom are specially qualified for the work, that it can receive a cash or any other prize. As regards the principal prizes, the coupons of outstanding merit are considered many times by the Editor, and also by the Competition Editor and the adjudicating staff, in consultation, before the final awards are made. In a sentence, ALL coupons are read and considered, and re-read and re-considered, by a specially selected staff of highly-qualified Adjudicators, under the general supervision of an experienced Competition Expert—and in consultation with the Editor. That is why "Bullets" constitute a genuine skill contest, free from any and every element of arbitrary decision or of chance selection.

The Result of the above Competition will appear in our issue dated Oct. 4th.

Closing date, Wednesday, September 17th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(50) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 395.

Signed _____

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Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "MARY BULL," dated September 20th.

Closing date, Wednesday, September 17th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

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RESULT OF 47TH BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:—

Mr. R. AXE,
"Cliftonville," Portsmouth Road
Woolston, Southampton.

Example.—LAWYER'S ADVICE.
Bulet.—A "TRIAL" SOLICITED.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:—

Mrs. H. SIMPSON,
"Alpha" Cottage,
Standean, Stanmer,
near Lewes.

Example.—LOST PROPERTY.
Bulet.—SOLD BY "YARD."

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:—

Mr. S. McPHERSON,
East Leys,
Errol, Perthshire.

Example.—CLASSICAL DANCERS.
Bulet.—LAST POSE—ADIPOSE.

50 HOLIDAY PRIZE-WINNERS OF £5 EACH.

Mr. B. SHREVEALL, 57, Great Titchfield Street, W.:
BAD NAME—AND ADDRESS—"DARTMOOR."
Mr. R. G. HUGHES, 16, St. Patrick's Road, Dublin:
BLIND MAN—BELIEVING "JUSTICE" DITTO.
Mr. F. E. DANIELS, "Avenel," 67, College Road, Norwich
BATHING DRESS—GUARANTEED "FAST" THROUGHOUT.
Mrs. MAUD WASSALL, Amblecote, Stourbridge, Worcester-
shire.
MOUSE TRAP—OCCUPANT FEELS "PAIL."
Mr. A. LEIGH, Rose Cottage, Handsacre, nr. Rugeley, Staffs.:
BROKEN PROMISE—RED NOSE BETRAYS.
Mr. ARKANT, 4, Minster Road, Sundridge Park, Bromley:
BROKEN PROMISE—"ONE WORD BRETHREN."
Mr. F. W. POWELL, Bank Chambers, Yelverton Road, Bourne-
mouth.
BITTER EXPERIENCE—INVESTING WITHOUT IT.
Mr. H. VIBART, 24, Cleveland Road, Barnes:
CLASSICAL DANCERS—I EYE, SIR.
Mr. J. HAKEMAN, Prospect House, East Finchley, N.:
LAWYERS ADVICE—CLEARS THE "GAUGH."
Mr. E. BENNETT, 35, Kincaig Street, Cardiff:
SORRY FLIGHT—PALMIST'S CLIENT—POLICEMAN.
Mr. A. SCOTT, 4, Wilkinon Street, Byers Green, Spennymoor:
BOARD RESIDENCE—CARVER BECOMES STARVER.
Mr. J. WELFORD, 32, Mills Street, Middlesbro':
WANTS FINDING—FOOTBALLERS' "NET" INCOME.
Mr. A. YORK, 3, Chelte ham Crescent, Bristol:
WANTS FINDING—WHISKY LANDLADIES DISLIKE.
Mr. I. BOWERS, 249, Moss Side Street, Droylesden, Manchester:
TRAIC FATE—FLUTTER, THEN BUTTER.
Mr. C. ADAMSON, 7, Brunswick Grove, Hessele, East Yorks:
POT LUCK—CROCKERY OUTLASTED COOK.
Mr. H. TILLY, Redan Villa, Ventnor, I.W.:
OFF DUTY—TOBACCO SMOKER'S DEMAND.
Mr. F. W. WOOD, 4, Mossley Avenue, Greenbank Road,
Liverpool:
MISTRESS AND MAID—TOIL AT TOILET.

Mr. S. M. COLLINS, 43, Lapwing Lane, West Didsbury, Man-
chester:
LAWYER'S ADVICE—"SOLD" BY "WAIT."
Mr. R. F. HOUSTOUN, Tregoad Well, Camelford, Cornwall:
BATHING DRESS—"NOTHING" TOO "HOT"?
Mrs. S. J. EDE, Mona Villa, Long Lane, Halesowen, Worcester:
BITTER EXPERIENCE—PROPOSED NEAR PHONOGRAPH.

50 PRIZEWINNERS of 10/- Each.

ADAMS, A. J., 51, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent
ARCHER, N., Miss, 6, Brookfield Gardens, Carlisle.
BRIGGS, A., 10, Forest Road, Southport.
BURDEN, M., 56, High Street, Andover.
CASS, G., 219 Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham.
CORNISH, J. F., 66, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.
COWELL, E. J., 85, Marlborough Road, Bowes Park, N.
CRAVEN, C. Red House Farm, Holmpton Road, Withernsea.
CROSS, W., 22, Boyer Street, Loughborough, Leicester.
DAVIDSON, W. J., 2, Cleveland Terrace, North Shields.
DOBBIN, T., 42, Carnegie Street, Dunfermline, N.B.
DRAPER Mrs., Main Street, Menstrie, Scotland, N.B.
FORDHAM, R. T., 181, Spring Road, Ipswich.
GARD, F., 1, Prestonville Terrace, Brighton.
GIDDENS, Miss N., 23, Whitstone Road, Shepton Mallet.
GREAVER, B. T., 43, Endcliffe Rise Road, Sheffield.
HALL, J., 43, Skipton Road, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
HALL, F. H., "Rednal," Stocton Road, Guildford,
Surrey.
HANNABY, H., 11, Merlin Street, Johnstown, Ruabon.
HARDY, E. S., 49, Saatesbury Road, Crouch Hill, N.
HAWKINS, AMY, Havelock, Grays Inn Road, W.C.
HEWITT, W. I. C., 68, Rhodes Street, St. James Road, Hol-
loway.
HITCHEN, E., "Ellan Vannier," Stratford Road, Hall Green,
Birmingham.
HODGES, F., 33, Goat Lane, Basingstoke.
HOLME, Mrs. M., 236A, Halley Road, Manor Park, E.
HOPKINS, P., 2, Grumant Road, Peckham Road, S.E.
LAIDLER, MAUDE, Beaconsfield, Bamber Bridge, Preston,
Lancs.
LEWIS, H. W., 27, Ilminster Gardens, Clapham Junction, S.W.
LINDSELL, A., 193F, Munster Road, Fulham, S.W.
MALE, G., c/o Mrs. G. William, Barn Street, Liskeard, Cornwall.
MAHER, J. P., 17, Rostrevor Avenue, Stamford Hill, N.
MEYER, H. F., 10, Corbyn Street, Hornsey Road, N.
PARKINSON, Mrs., 9, Spring Gardens, Glasgow, N.W.
PARRY, Mrs. H., 3, Crescent, Bangor, North Wales.
PIKE, J. S., 53, Hatherley Gardens, East Ham, Essex.
RALPH, I., 14, St. Georges Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.
RAMPTON, A., 18, Warner Road, Hornsey, N.
RAYNER, A., 319, Wightman Road, Hornsey, N.
ROBINSON, F., 10, Grafton Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.
SAWMAN, J. W., 21, Bruce Buildings, Caledonian Road, N.
SEMM, A., 15, Turner Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.
SMITH, S. F., c/o Sergeant, 5, The Valley, Scarborough.
TALMAN, J., "Strathearn," Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.
TAYLOR, A. J., 21, Baker Street, Abergavenny.
TOLL, T. W., "Gwynfa," Court Farm Road, Mottingham,
Eltham, S.E.
WADE, R., 3, Withens Avenue, Hillsborough, Sheffield.
WALTON, D. L., Cheslyn Hay, Walsall.
WOOD, J. W., 41, Springrood Terrace, Bradford.
WRAGG, A., 86, Greenbow Street, Sheffield.
WYETH, G. C. E., 20, Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex.

Newman, C. W., 20, Herbert-rd., Stock-
well, S.W.
Nicholson, C., 21, Bayswater-row, Round-
hay-rd., Leeds.
Nurse, F. E., 38, Harrow-rd., Leytonstone.
Partridge, J., 28, Seymour-av., Liphon,
Plymouth.
Pearson, H., 5, Suffolk House, Brixton
Oral, S.W.
Pepper, B., 39, Murdock-rd., Handsworth,
Birmingham.
Petersen, J. W., H.M.S. "Venerable,"
5th Battle Squadron, c/o G.P.O., E.C.
Phillips, Miss A., 12, Hawthorne-rd.,
Wilkesden Green, N.W.
Planterose, Mrs. G., 13, Burlington-st.,
King's Cliff, Brighton.
Priest, Mrs. T., 15, Leonard-av., Sherwood,
Notts.
Raines, Mrs. N., 74, Darnley-st., Brooks
Bar, Manchester.
Reynolds, A. W., 471a, Commercial-rd.,
Portsmouth.
Robinson, Ruth, 48, Chapel House-rd.,
Nelson, Lancs.
Shorter, F. C., 47, Carysfort-rd., Stoke
Newington, N.
Simpson, H. R., Leiston, Suffolk.
Simpson, H. V., 52, Lancaster-rd., Dollis
Hill, N.W.
Simpson, O. N., Kentisbury Ford S.O., N.
Devon.
Smith, J., 20, Thorn-st., Bradford,
Manchester.
Smith, B. S., High-st., Aldridge, Walsall.
Smith, J., 2, Henriette-villas, Ash Vale,
Aldershot.
Stepney, G. S., Templeogue, Co. Dublin.
Steward, F., 195, London-rd., Kingston-on-
Thames.
Suggett, F. E., 177, Wightman-rd.,
Harringay, N.
Swallow, G. L., 195, Grove-lane, Hand-
sworth, Birmingham.
Taylor, P., 5, The Newlands, Middlesbro'.
Thomas, S. E., Albion Lodge, St. James,
Hatcham, S.E.
Tosae, W., 3, Park-ter., Loftus, Cleveland,
Yorks.
Ward, Miss J. E., 37, Murray-rd., Rugby.
Wardale, E., 18, York-av., Lincoln.
Warne, Miss C., 3, Red Lion-st., Holborn,
W.C.
Walton, J. A., 25, Coronation-rd., Ipswich.
Watson, Jenny, 2, St. Ayles-cres., An-
struther, Fife.
Webber, Miss G. A., 4, Harefield-rd.,
Brockley, S.E.
Williamson, J., Sandown Park, Knock,
Belfast.
Wood, J., Ellerallie, Lanark, N.B.
Wood, G., Mayfield, Newport-rd., Cowes,
I.O.W.
Woods, M. C., 23, Sandringham-rd.,
Tuebrook, Liverpool.
White, Miss A. E., 12, Morningside-place,
Edinburgh.
Yallop, A., The Bell, Hempton, Faken-
ham, Norfolk.

Selection from List of 4,000 Special Prizes.

Law, A. M., 14, Deerpark-gdns., Tollcross,
Glasgow.
Law, A., 16, Warren-rd., Merton, S.W.
Lawrence, Miss J., 54, Merchant-st., Derby.
Lawrence, B., 45, Bloxwich-rd., Walsall.
Lawrence, W. H., 75, Portway, West Ham.
Lawrence, Mrs. E., 105, Married Quarters,
Bordon Camp, Hampshire.
Lawrence, R., 11, Percy-st., Accrington.
Lawrence, C., 11, Elfindale-rd., Herne Hill.
Lawson, V., 140, Greenvale-rd., Eltham.
Lawson, C., 5, Lily-av., Jeamond, New-
castle-on-Tyne.
Lawson, R., 19, Royal Park-ter., Edin-
burgh.
Lawson, Mary, 46, West-st., Ryde, I.O.W.
Lawson, C., 21, Lauderdale-st., Preston.
Laycock, J., 25, Aireville-st., Low Uitley,
Keighley, Yorks.
Lazenby, G., "Bodwyn," Brooklands-av.,
Cleethorpes, Lincs.
Leach, Alice, Sea Beach House, Burrow-
rd., Swansea.
Leadbetter, H., s.s. "Duke of Clarence,"
Riverside Quay, Hull.
Leardoy, E., Spencer House, South-place,
E.C.
Lee, C., 75, Mayfield-rd., Earlsdon,
Coventry.
Lee, F., 42, Brougham-st., Burnley.
Lee, Mrs. E., 2, Bridgend-rd., Llanham,
Cardiff.
Lee, H., 180, Colne-rd., Burnley.
Lee, J., 38a, Rawlins-st., Fairfield, Liver-
pool.
Lee, C. J., 7, Henderson-rd., Wandsworth.
Leeming, Gladys, 63, Hilltop Mount, Beck-
rd., Leeds.
Lees, F. H., 7, Hall-st., Stockport.
Lees, R. M., 1, Alma-place, Bradford.
Lees, Mrs. E. J., 121, Mayo-rd., Wilkesden.
Lees, S. H., 26, Peacock-av., Bolton-rd.,
Pendleton, Manchester.

LIST OF 100 5/- PRIZE-WINNERS.

BULLETS' COMPETITION NO. 47.

Alcock, J. A., 40, Chandos-st., Nether-
field, Nottingham.
Armitage, R. W., Overton-on-Dee, Elles-
mere, Flint.
Arthrell, H. J., Blizewood, Whyteleafe,
Croydon.
Ashwell, T., 50, St. James-rd., Leicester.
Aird, Miss E., 14, Vicar-st., Falkirk, N.B.
Aird, J., 11/13, Montgomery-st., Belfast.
Baker, H., Holland House, 4, Southfield-
rd., Broadwater, Sussex.
Balfour, A., 5, Holburn-rd., Aberdeen.
Barratt, H., 25, Duke-st., Whittington
Moor, Chesterfield.
Barrett, A. H., 16, Horsman-st., Bath-rd.,
Wolverhampton.
Bartlett, H. W., 47, College-rd., Norwich.
Berr, Miss D., Stradbroke Lodge, Sowerby
Bridge, Yorks.
Boyer, J. L., 23, Chorley-st., St. Helens.
Buddell, Miss G., 2, Dunstall-rd., Barton-
under-Needwood.
Brybrook, P. W., 38, Denny-rd., Lower
Edmonton, N.
Brookes, A. E., 19, Alfred-st. South,
Nottingham.
Carr, Mrs., 47, Balfour-rd., Poulton, Ches.
Cartwright, W. H., 44, Salop-st., Dudley,
Worces.
Cartwright, Mrs., 35, Belmont-ter.,
Crackenthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.
Clarke, T. H., 3, Gt. Sutton-st., Clerken-
well, E.C.
Cordery, E., H.M.S. "Cornwallis,"
Devonport.
Corney, G., 75, Basford-rd., May Bank,
Stoke-on-Trent.
Cox, M. J., Walton-rd., Oldfield,
Aldrincham.
Chamberlayne, P. T., Biforce Marradi,
Trecana, Italy.
Chapman, A., 27, Railway-st., Grimsby
Christmas, J., 76, High-st., Thornton
Clay, Surrey.
Down, E. L., Parcel Office, S.E.C. Rly.,
Dartford.
Edmonds, R., 21, The Avenue, Hornsey.
Ellams, Miss J., Bodysgallen, Llandudno.
Felton, T., 22, Benson-st., Bury, Lancs.
Firth, N., 29, Vicarage-rd., Leyton, E.
Forshaw, Minnie, 5, Pitts-ter., Hotham-
st., Hedon-rd., Hull.
Franks, S., Kinemacolor Studios, Park-rd.,
Teddington.
Gale, F. R., 47, Chester-st., Wrexham.
George, W., St. Margarets, 5, Lansdowne-
rd., Bournemouth.
Gillespie, J., 5, Hanover-st., Glasgow.
Gravett, Mrs. K., 61, Duncan-ter.,
Islington, N.
Grice, H. W., 100, Church-rd., Gorleston-
on-Sea, Suffolk.
Grindley T., 32, All Saints-rd., Hockley,
Birmingham.
Harrison, A. F., 184, Lower Chaplin-rd.,
Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.
Hatt, Mrs. W., Mill Brook, 58, Godwin-rd.,
Forest Gate, E.
Hill, W. A., 323, Dudley-rd., Wolver-
hampton.

Holmes, J. H., 7, Alvenor-st., Ilkeston,
Derbyshire.
Hope, E., 6, Shaftesbury-av., Bedford.
Howe, G., R.M.A., H.M.S. "Vanguard,"
1st Battle Fleet.
Hughes, A. F., 23, Brideok-st., Cheetham-
hill, Manchester.
Hunt, T., 145, Fulbourne-rd., Waltham-
stow.
Johnson, N. A., Edendale, Norman-rd.,
Sutton, Surrey.
Jones, W. E., The Garage, Daw Pool,
Thurston, Ches.
Jones, W. E., 7, Florence-st., Barrow-in-
Furness.
Keller, A., Binbrook, Lincoln.
Kevs, H. J., 20, Royston-rd., Penge.
King, Trooper G. B., First Life Guards,
Knightsbridge, S.W.
Leggett, A. E., 33, Alexandra-rd., Balby,
Doncaster.
Lester, F. G., 15, Queen's Park-rd., Har-
borne, Birmingham.
London, Mrs. L., 168, Soho-hill, Bir-
mingham.
Lyke, B., 43, Burton-ter., Acrefair, nr.
Rusdon.
Maddock, E., 2, Sunbeam Cottages, Albe-
marle-rd., Taunton.
Mackenzie, C., 26, South-st., Lochgelly,
Fife.
McCall, W. P., 16, Double-row, New
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Racing Notes.

Prophetic.

What is going to win the Leger is the great question to-day. If Bachelor's Wedding is better than Roseworthy, the Irish colt should win comfortably, but this is just a little doubtful. Aghdoe is a very big tip down Lambourn way, and at Newmarket they reckon that the filly Arda has a good each-way chance amongst such a bad lot. On the form anything may win, but we shall go for

LOUVOIS.

AGHDOE and BACHELOR'S WEDDING should be second and third.

CAMBYSES looks best for the Bradgate Park Nursery, and SWEETEST MELODY should win the Tattersall Sale Stakes.

To-morrow (Thursday) HORNET'S BEAUTY over the slightly longer course is likely to turn the tables on Harmonicon in the Portland Plate. If Newmarket reports are to be believed, the Rous Plate is good for

CORCYRA.

FAIRY KING can win the Scarborough Stakes. Friday's racing again will be full of interest. For the Prince of Wales' Nursery MAGYAR should win.

LANCE CHEST.*

in the Doncaster Cup, must represent the best thing of the week, whilst the Stakes should go to LOVEWOOD.

At Alexandra Park on Saturday

TIP TOP

ought to win the Mile Nursery; FER the Finsbury Mid-Weight Handicap; SOUTH PARADE the Hornsey T.Y.O. Plate; and WORKGIRL the Muswell Plate.

THE TOTALISATOR ST. LEGER SWEEP.

In accordance with the usual invitation issued to the Press, we sent our representative to witness this draw, and, as we fully expected, his report is entirely satisfactory. The total amount distributed in prizes is £2,530. The drawer of the winner receives £1,012; second horse, £253; third, £126 10s. Other starters divide £379 10s., and non-starters divide £759. Our representative himself assisted at the draw, and was perfectly satisfied that, in accordance with the repute of this well-known firm, the whole thing was properly and correctly carried out.

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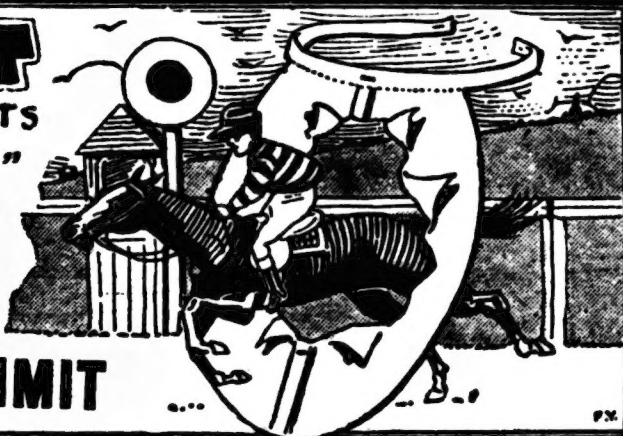
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